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UP TRAINS											
STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 8 A.M.	No. 9 A.M.	No. 10 A.M.	No. 11 A.M.
Kowloon Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.05	9.35	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30
Yauwatt Dep.	6.49	—	—	—	9.44	10.08	10.38	11.08	11.38	12.08	12.38
Shatin Dep.	7.01	—	—	—	9.56	10.20	10.50	11.20	11.50	12.20	12.50
Taipei Dep.	7.15	—	—	—	10.10	10.34	11.04	11.34	12.04	12.34	13.04
Market Dep.	7.30	—	—	—	10.25	10.49	11.19	11.49	12.19	12.49	13.19
Shatin Dep.	7.30	—	—	—	10.30	10.54	11.24	11.54	12.24	12.54	13.24
Shatin Arr.	7.35	—	—	—	10.35	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	13.00	13.30
Shatin Dep.	7.41	8.45	9.10	9.35	10.10	10.35	11.05	11.35	12.05	12.35	13.05
Canton Arr.	—	12.05	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

DOWN TRAINS											
STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 8 A.M.	No. 9 A.M.	No. 10 A.M.	No. 11 A.M.
Canton Dep.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shatin Dep.	7.15	8.05	8.30	9.05	9.35	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30
Shatin Arr.	7.25	8.15	8.40	9.15	9.45	10.10	10.40	11.10	11.40	12.10	12.40
Shatin Dep.	7.30	8.15	8.40	9.15	9.45	10.10	10.40	11.10	11.40	12.10	12.40
Taipei Dep.	7.40	8.25	8.50	9.25	9.55	10.20	10.50	11.20	11.50	12.20	12.50
Market Dep.	7.44	8.31	8.56	9.31	10.01	10.31	11.01	11.31	12.01	12.31	13.01
Shatin Dep.	7.57	8.44	9.09	9.44	10.14	10.44	11.14	11.44	12.14	12.44	13.14
Yauwatt Dep.	8.11	8.56	9.21	9.56	10.26	10.56	11.26	11.56	12.26	12.56	13.26
Kowloon Arr.	8.17	9.02	9.27	10.02	10.32	11.02	11.32	12.02	12.32	13.02	13.32

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MUSSOLINI AND MATRIMONY.

LARGE FAMILIES ENCOURAGED.

ITALY'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON THE BIRTH-RATE.

Rome, December 15th (U.P.).—The intensive demographic campaign initiated by Mussolini continues to widen and develop. The principle, now generally accepted without discussion, that the future well-being of Italy depends to a very large extent on her having a rapidly increasing birth-rate has begun to penetrate into the national conscience, and numerous private attempts to secure the nation as large a number as possible of healthy children by facilitating marriage and encouraging profructivity in the working classes have been undertaken recently.

The State continues to add the support of decrees and ordinances to the efforts of individuals, and hardly a week passes without the Duce referring to the matter, which is obviously of the first importance to him.

Gifts To Mothers.

The number of his donations to the mothers of large families in modest circumstances must by now have reached a formidable figure.

Newspapers have started a Christmas fund to benefit the parents of large families in restricted circumstances, and the Duce sent the sum of Lire 10,000 to the *Giornale d'Italia* for this purpose. Mussolini's contribution was accompanied by a very characteristic letter, in which he stigmatised childless couples or parents restricting their offspring to one or two as "cowards and betrayers of the great future of the country."

The Duce intervened in a recent case of some thirty telephone girls in Milan, who were about to be discharged under the old-standing regulations ordering girls to leave the telephone service on their marriage.

The manager of the telephone company, who was about to discharge the girls, immediately revoked his order on receiving Mussolini's communication.

Instructions To Lawyers.

Signor Augusto Turati, General Secretary of the Fascist party, recently issued a circular to provincial secretaries instructing them to communicate to all Fascist lawyers that they should refuse to defend midwives or doctors charged with illegal operations on women, "as such malpractice is directly in antithesis with the ends the regime has set before itself."

The various newspaper subscriptions throughout the country, the most important of which is that organised by the *Giornale d'Italia*, have gathered in sums of money running into hundreds of thousands of lire, which will be distributed during the holiday season to deserving fathers of large families.

The Duce's contribution was followed by that of the Ministry of the Presidency of the Council, which donated another Lire 10,000 for the parents of large families.

Private individuals and public bodies have hastened to follow the Premier's lead.

While all birth-control propaganda, including books, pamphlets, articles, or motion pictures on the subject have been for some time rigorously prohibited, the prefects of the kingdom have received instructions to do all in their power to repress abortive practices. Exemplary punishments have been meted out recently to several women and doctors charged with illegal operations, many of whom have been sent for periods varying from one to three years, to enforced domicile.

In the field of private endeavour Senator Borsaline, the "harking" of Alessandria in Piedmont, has initiated a scheme for favouring the marriage of his female employees, who amount to nearly three-quarters of his whole personnel.

Married Women Better Workers.

Senator Borsaline, who is famed for the good treatment of his work people, for whom he has built model dwellings and started various insurance schemes, found that among his 1,500 female employees, only 60 had married in two years.

Enquiries showed that the fear of losing their employment and the difficulty of finding suitable housing accommodation were the principal reasons for the small proportion of marriages among his staff.

In consequence he has sketched all rules concerning the dismissal of female employees on marriage, and in addition has given orders for the building of cottages to remove the housing difficulty. Senator Borsaline considers that married women employees prove more satisfactory than single ones, and he intends that no restrictions on matrimony will be allowed in his establishments.

Patriotic Paternalism.

The prohibition on peasants immigrating to the cities, which the prefects have been instructed to enforce, making such immigration a punishable offence unless carried out with the express permission of the authorities, though bound up principally with the vast agricultural plan of the Fascist regime, has its demographic side.

It is well known from the publication of recent statistics that the peasant population of Italy is the one on which, at present, the birth-rate depends for its increase. As soon as peasants go to the towns their profructivity drops. "Back to the land" means, according to Fascism, not only more agricultural labourers to-day, but a steady supply of them for tomorrow, when the important integral land reclamation scheme comes to fruition.

LONDON POLICE REFORMS.

VISCOUNT BYNG'S INFLUENCE.

Unification of all police forces in England under the control of Scotland Yard is one of the many changes that are likely to come as a result of the appointment of Viscount Byng of Vimy as Commissioner of Police in London.

During the short time Lord Byng has been in charge at "the Yard," he has shown himself a born organizer. Those who may have feared that he had lost some of the ability he showed during the war are now convinced. The general tightening-up of administrative machinery and the introduction of the latest scientific methods in the detection of crime show that the hero of Vimy Ridge is thoroughly alive to his job.

Scotland Yard's Wireless Station.

One of the changes that Lord Byng is introducing is the increased use of the Yard's wireless station. The station has its own wave-lengths, which are frequently varied, and its own secret code. Criminals have been caught with portable receiving-sets in their cars frantically trying to "tap" the secret flashes that go out from the Yard. Officials say the tappers have never succeeded in learning anything, even if they have been fortunate enough to hear the Yard sending.

Dictaphones are another feature of the police efforts to run down law-breakers. They are particularly useful in the campaign against blackmailers. Also phonograph records are rapidly supplanting a policeman's memory or his notes in taking statements.

Efficient Finger-Prints.

The one department which has received little if any of Byng's attention is the finger-print section. Under Inspector Vandell, this department has been developed to such a high degree of efficiency that no reorganization has been deemed necessary. Inspector Vandell, who is also a leading expert in the detection of forged money, employs the latest photographic apparatus whereby he and his assistants can detect the tiniest scratch or the slightest break on any article. He is also an expert in securing fingerprints from unwilling subjects. This he is able to do by sprinkling a little special powder on any substance the wanted person has touched, and photographing the results.

In conjunction with these and many other features of the work at Scotland Yard, Lord Byng is making determined effort to secure well-educated recruits to the force. Byng believes that each constable should have taken and understood a course of training in logic and inductive thinking. The famous "Black Museum," where are kept exhibits of every kind useful in the detection of crime, is being used as a school-room for the younger members of the force.

Another innovation which started about the same time Byng's influence began to be felt is increased publicity in certain cases. Hitherto, British police officials, famous for their reticence, have apparently hesitated to make public the outstanding features of cases.

Diary of Coming Events.

To-day
(January 18th.)

Christian Fellowship Meeting, Helmut May Institute, 10.30 a.m.
Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders Lecture: "The Lubrication of Internal Combustion Engines," 8 p.m.
Hockey: Sim's Shield, Army v. Navy.
Theatre Royal: The Macdonna Players; "You Never Can Tell," 9.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Enemy."
World Theatre: 5.10 and 8.15. "Dangerous Money"; 9.30 and 7.15. Chinese picture "The Spiders."
Star Theatre: "Proud Flesh."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 8 p.m.
Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.
European Malls: Inward: Europe v. Suzer (Kashgar); Europe v. Siberia (Kalyan); Europe v. Siberia (President Grant).
Saturday.
(January 19th.)
Royal H.K. Yacht Club 8th Championship Race.
Fencing Hunt: Steeplechase Race Meeting, Kwanti, 3 p.m.

Cricket:—First Division: Royal Navy v. I.R.C. Craigengower v. University, Chinese v. Kowloon.
Second Division: Royal Navy v. I.R.C. Craigengower v. University, Hong Kong C.O. v. R.A.S.O. Recreation v. Royal Engineers.

Football:—First Division: K.O.S.B. v. Queen's, Chinese v. Royal Artillery, Kowloon v. Recreation, Police v. Club, Navy v. South China. Second Division: South China "A" v. Navy, K.O.S.B. v. South China "B," Small Units v. Queen's, Royal Artillery v. Chinese, Eastern v. University, R.A.F. v. Recreation, St. Joseph's v. Kowloon.
Entries close for Chess Championship.

Entries close for H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament.
Theatre Royal: The Macdonna Players; "Man and Super-Man," 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Enemy."
World Theatre: "Hot Water."
Star Theatre: "The Loves of Pharaoh."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Lane, Crawford Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.
European Malls:—Outward: Europe v.4 Marseilles (Kalyan), 10.30 a.m.; Europe v.4 Siberia (Yagchow), 9 p.m.

Sunday.
(January 20th.)

2nd Sunday after Epiphany.
Golf: Junior Championship, Fanning.
Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Army Day.

Queen's Theatre: "The Enemy."
World Theatre: "Hot Water."
Star Theatre: "The Loves of Pharaoh."

Monday.
(January 21st.)
Sale of Crown Land, New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1189, 3 p.m.
Christian Science Lecture, City Hall, 5.45 p.m.
William Heughan, Baritone, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Fred Coyne Musical Company "Keep Moving," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 8 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.
European Malls:—Outward: Europe v.4 Victoria, B.O., 5 p.m. and Europe v.4 Siberia, 6 p.m. (President Jefferson).

Tuesday.
(January 22nd.)
Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

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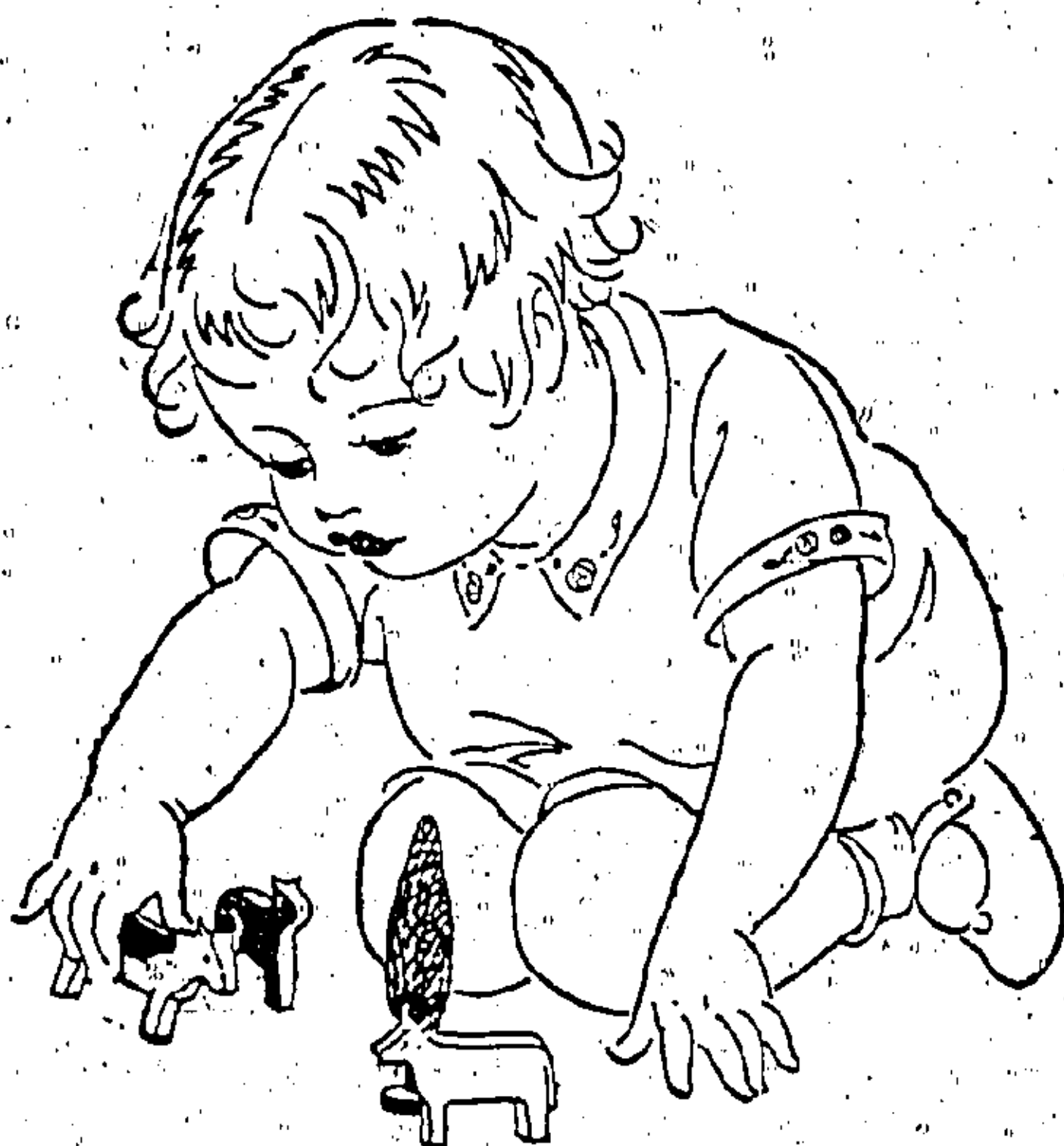
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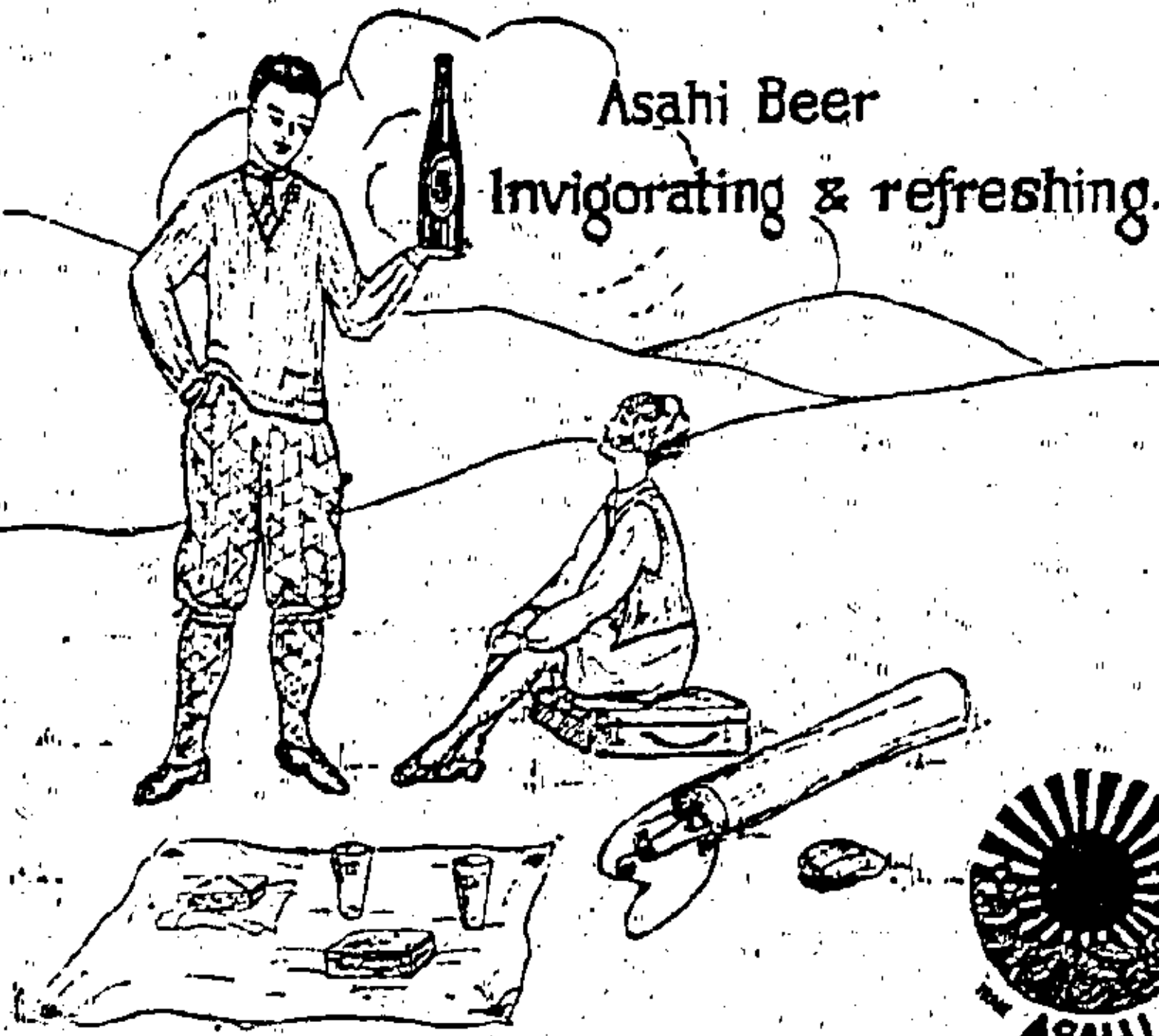
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Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations at yesterday's local market for rice, sugar and other foodstuffs were as follows:—

Rice.	Per Picul.
Red Flower Bottle	\$7.51
Green Fish	7.03
Green Seal Brown	6.87
Black Seal Broken	5.43
Horse Brand	7.83
Red Seal Broken	3.41
Red Special	8.43
Green Seal Brewer	8.43
Green Seal No. 1 Broken	8.02
Red Seal No. 1 Broken	8.87
Red Seal Glutinous	8.21
White Bran	3.41
Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 15 coarse powdered	\$7.35
No. 20 coarse powdered	7.63
Big coarse powdered	7.68
Miscellaneous.	Per Picul.
Honey	\$23.00
Wood Oil	31.00
Raw Cotton	17.70
Sago	11.00

CANTON COTTON YARN MARKET REPORTS.

A cable from Shanghai on the 18th instant stated that the price for No. 32 yarns had dropped 2 taels per bale, and others had dropped 1 tael per bale. Wednesday's market at Canton was also very dull and quotations fell by 3 taels.

Quotations at Wednesday's market at Canton were as follows:—

No.	Per Bale.
No. 42 Five Sons	\$500
Butterfly	532
Fui Hee	525
No. 32 Pine Deer	470
Tin Koon	464
Cheung Hee	464
No. 20 City of Gold	318
Good Harvest	314
Double Horse	308
Tin Koon	318
Tram Car	305
Man Clock	312
Shepherd	300
Three Stars	305
Fui Kwai	312
No. 16 Globe	291
Fui Kwai	290
No. 12 City of Gold	278
Peacock	278
Fui Kwai	273
Tram Car	263
Aeroplane	273
Pretty Damsel	251
No. 10 Sailing Vessel	254
City of Gold	254
Peacock	254
Lotus Bep	244
No. 6 Lion	204
Hut How	302

CANTON MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations at Wednesday's market for rice, sugar, flour and oil were as follows:—

Rice.	Per Picul.
Green Wo Fung	\$9.84
Green Elephant	9.77
New Moon	9.76
Blue Lion	10.80
Green Lion	9.80
Red Lion	9.72
Three Marks	9.48
Chai Mi	8.22
See Mai	10.04
Red Seal Brown	8.22
Red Pearl Brewer	7.30
Blue Seal Brewer	7.35
Green Seal Brewer	8.40
Green Seal Broken	8.00
Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 2 coarse powdered	8.30
No. 3 coarse powdered	8.70
No. 20 coarse powdered	7.80
No. 1 Granulated	10.80
No. 1 Fine Granulated	11.00
Waichow White	9.50
Flour.	Per Bag.
Man-of-War	\$4.10
Silver Seal	4.15
Banana	4.15
Cheung Luk	4.15
Maize	4.25
Sword of Kwantai	4.20
Cannon	4.30
Cabbage	4.40
Dalton	4.09
Dog's Head	4.50
Oil.	Per Picul.
Groundnut	—
Fanchi	25.45
Minhow	24.60
Honan	25.10
Tientsin	24.80
Dairen	26.40
Kwangai Wood	28.20
Kwangai Tea Seed	20.40

CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

CANTON, Jan. 18th.	Per Case.
Water Works	\$3.90
Electric Power Co.	3.05
Canton-Hankow Railways	0.90
The Sun Co.	6.80
Sincere Company	9.70
Nanyang Bros. Tob. Co.	4.30
Canton Tramways	2.65
China Merchant S.S. Nav. Co.	6.50
Central Bank	4.05

NEW \$500 NOTES TO BE ISSUED.

H.K. AND SHANGHAI BANK'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

\$500 notes of a new design will shortly be issued by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation thus completing that Institution's intention of replacing their entire circulation of Notes in this Colony. The new notes, which are slightly shorter than the old, are of a light purple shade with the centre of the front and a border on the back in polychrome.

In conformity with the previous notes of this issue a prominent feature is the medallion carrying a water-marked head of Britannia and the figures "500." This is balanced by a seated female figure whilst the centre is taken up by the Bank's crest and the words Five Hundred Dollars. The figures "500" occupy each corner, three of them having the Chinese equivalent adjacent.

The reverse has a view of the main entrance of the Bank as a centre piece surrounded by a herald and flanked by two oblong panels, one having the denomination "500 dollars" in it and the other the head of Britannia previously mentioned.

The serial number will be seen in six places—two on the face and four on the reverse.

The notes are dated 1st October 1927 and will be autographed by two members of the Bank staff.

THE RUBBER MARKET.

MODERATE OPTIMISM FOR 1929.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised that rubber has remained steady, heavy shipments from Malaya, amounting to 66,793 tons in December, having failed to produce any noticeable effect on the market.

Of this amount 48,538 tons are destined for the United States. It is believed, however, in London that consumers, reserve stocks will need replenishing in the near future; which process would naturally tend to mitigate the gradual increase of stocks referred to above.

From New York comes the statement that trade authorities there consider the outlook for the current year to be the best for many years past.

Temporary setbacks must be expected but there is every excuse for moderate optimism in respect of the second half of the year at any rate. It would appear that too many are waiting for a fall in prices before purchasing for forward delivery to permit of any such decline being long maintained.

We append here latest quotations and dividends.

Quotations.

Allenby's	\$2.10
Ayer Moleks	1.85
Ayer Panas	6.60
Changkat Serdangs	4.75
Jerams	1.30
Jimahs	1.75
Kedahs	3.15
Lunas	1.55
Malaka Pindas	1.55
New Scudais	1.75
New Serendais	2.55
Pajams	1.60
Pungors	0.75
Sandycrofts	2.00

Dividends.

Glencalys	5 per cent.
Kuala Sidims	7 1/2 per cent. int.
Kinta Tin Mines, Ltd.	5 per cent.
Tanjong Tin Dredg., Ltd.	5 per cent.
Gopeng Consolidated, Ltd.	6d. per share.
Southern Perak Dredg., Ltd.	5 per cent.
Pengkalan, Ltd.	10 per cent.
Idrie	10 per cent.
Malayan Tin Dredg., Ltd.	10 per cent. final, 10 per cent. bonus, 10 per cent. int.
Taipung Tins	7 1/2 per cent. int.

THE ZINC INDUSTRY.

PROPOSED WORLD CARTEL.

Negotiations with American producers have been recently resumed at Brussels, with a view to the creation of the projected world zinc cartel. Apparently it is only intended to establish the cartel for a year, when the situation will be re-examined.

The present intention is to fix a minimum price per ton and to limit output in Europe and America whenever quotations fall below this minimum price.

CANTON KEROSENE OIL.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

CANTON, Jan. 18th.	Per Case.
Comet	\$7.70
Cheung Hi	7.50
Engle Bran	7.10
Balance	7.50
Hang Fuk	7.30
Day Break	7.20

ADVICE FOR BUSINESS MEN.

M.R. SCHWAB'S TEN COMMANDMENTS.

New York, January 2nd:—The dawn of the New Year sees all American commercial and financial leaders expressing confidence in continued prosperity. Mr. Charles M. Schwab, Chairman of the Bethlehem Steel Company, contends that America has reached an amazing degree of general prosperity, and the problem of to-day is what to do to make the prosperity permanent.

Mr. Schwab gives the following ten rules as a key to lasting prosperity:—

- 1.—Pay labour the highest possible wages. Prosperity is intimately related to a liberal wage scale.
- 2.—Treat labour as a business partner. Successful industry depends more on human relations than the organisation of money and machines.
- 3.—Conduct business in the full light of day. Public confidence and public suspicion may be separated only by a door.
- 4.—Remember the law of supply and demand is inexorable. Remember also the unnecessary of excess production.
- 5.—Live and help to live. Even prosperous industries are unable to save backward industries too far behind in the procession. Prosperity to be permanent must be equally distributed.
- 6.—Welcome new ideas. In order to establish permanent institutions we must always be prepared for change.
- 7.—Never be satisfied with what is achieved as sufficient. Complacency in success will not promote progress.
- 8.—Operate business on the most economical basis. Price-cutting, over-expansion and un-economical distribution are harmful to business and to the public, as price-fixing monopolies rebates.

(Continued on next Column).

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE]

Rupee, Jan. 18th.

Paris	124.10
New York	4.84 31/81
Brussels	34.80
Geneva	23.21
Amsterdam	12.09
Milan	92.69
Serlin	20.49
Stockholm	18.14
Copenhagen	19.19
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.50
Prague	163
Helsingfors	192
Madrid	29.70
Lisbon	100
Athens	375
Bucharest	808
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 13/32
Bombay	1/8 1/32
Shanghai	2/1
Tong Kong	2/1
Yokohama	1/10 1/32
Silver (spot)	94
Silver (forward)	94

9.—Look, think, and wait! It is easier to avoid depressions than to cure them.

10.—Smile and be cheerful. Work upon the basis that the fundamental business purpose is promotion of the happiness of mankind.

China Sugars	80 cts. nom.
Malabon Sugars	\$2.50 buy.
Canton Tea	\$2.50 buy.
Cement (combined)	\$10.20/2 sa.
Do. (old)	\$7.80 nom.
Do. (new)	\$1.10 buy.
H.K. Rope (old)	\$6.80 buy.
Do. (new)	\$3.10 buy.
United Asbestos	35 nom.
Dairy Farms	\$2.12 sa.
Watson	\$12.05 buy, 12.50 sa.
Der & Wing	\$3.00 cte. buy.
Lang Crawford	\$3.05 nom.
Machintoshes	\$20 nom.
Sinacres	\$3.10 buy.
Wm. Powells	\$3.65 nom.
H.K. Amusements	\$3.72 sa.
H.K. Constructions	\$4.10 nom.
Pique Ladas G.Bonds	8 1/2% buy.
H.K. Govt. Loans	5% prest. sa.
buy—buyers; sel—sellers; sa—sales; nom—nomina.	

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

JANUARY 17th, 1929.

R.R. Banks	\$1.800 sel. & sa.
Do. London	\$1.48 nom.
Chartered Banks	\$2.34 buy.
Mercantile Banks, A. & B.	\$2.34 nom.
Do. C.	\$1.41 nom.
P. & O. Bank	\$2.34 buy.
East Asia Bank	\$2.34 buy.
Canton Insurance	\$6.71 buy.
Union Insurance	\$3.70 buy.
North China Ins.	\$1.160 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	\$1.500 nom.
China Underwriters	\$2.20 buy.
China Fire Insurance	\$2.50 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$7.55 nom.
Donghai	\$2.34 buy.
H.K. Steamboat	\$2.34 sel. & sa.
H.K. Tugs	\$1.40 nom.
Indo-China (Prof.)	\$5.00 buy.
Do. (Def.)	\$80 nom.
Shell Transport	\$11.70 nom.
Union Waterboats	\$3.40 buy.
Bonquets	\$2.40 buy.
Kailan Mining Adm.	\$1.10 buy.
Langkate (combined)	\$1.10 buy.
Do. (single)	\$1.60 buy.
S'hai. Explorations	\$1.20 buy.
Shanghai Loans	\$1.30 buy.
Rauhe	\$3.10 nom.
Trench Mines	\$1.76 nom.
H.K. & K. Wharfs	\$1.34 buy.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$4.00 buy.
China Provident	\$5 buy, 6 sa.
Hongkong	\$1.10 buy.
New Engineering	\$1.50 nom.
Shanghai Docks	\$1.106 buy.
Ewo Cottons	\$1.13.20 nom.
Oriental Cottons	\$1.20 sel.
S'hai. Cottons (old)	\$1.55 buy.
Do. (new)	\$1.32 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$9.30 buy, 9.40 sel.
H.K. Lands	\$5.50 buy, 5.55 sa.
Shanghai Landis	\$1.160 buy.
Humphreys Estates	\$1.40 buy.
H.K. Realities	\$8.20 buy.
H.K. Tramways	\$2.04 buy, 2.01 sel.
Peak Trans (old)	\$1.10 sel.
Do. (new)	\$3.80 nom.
Star Ferries	\$7.50 buy.
China Light	\$1.10 buy, 1.15 sa.
H.K. Electric (old)	\$5.50 buy, 5.55 sa.
Do. (new)	\$5.50 buy, 5.51/55 sa.
Macao Electric	\$1.10 buy.
Sandakan Lights	\$3 nom.
Telephones (old)	\$7 buy.
Do. (new)	\$6.90 buy, 7.10 sa.
China Buses	\$1.11 buy.
Singapore Traction	\$1.12 nom.
Do. (Prof.)	\$1.178 buy, 1.173 sel.

(Continued on previous Column.)

Some of the Feature Numbers from the JANUARY list of VICTOR RECORDS

Here's a great start for the new year. Music to please everybody. Popular ditties of the hour. Smooth dance music with a wallop in every rhythm. Several selections of the more serious music. You'll be missing something if you fail to hear these January Victor releases. Plan to visit us soon!

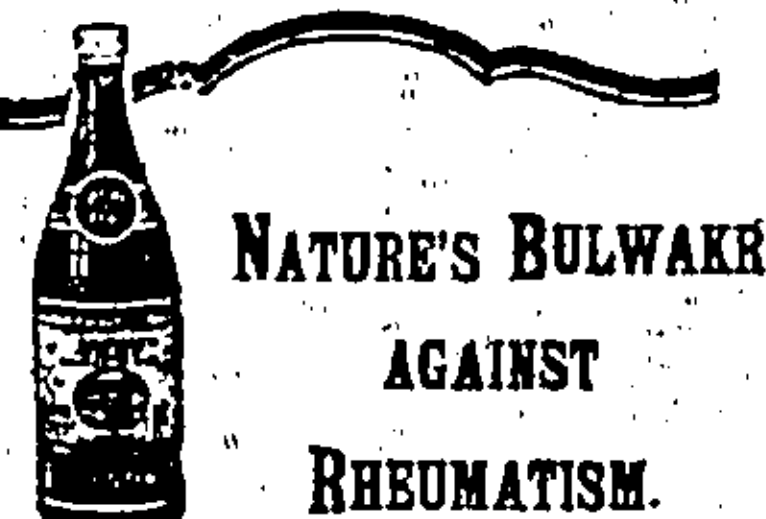
INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL RECORDS

Christmas Hymns and Carols—No. 3 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing—Christians, Awake!—Holy Night—Oh Little Town of Bethlehem—Hallelujah	Three Shades of Blue Suite—Part 1 Indigo (Groff)
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No. 35946, 12-inch	Twisting the Dials—Part 1 and Part 2 THE HAPPINESS BOYS No. 35953, 12-inch
Prelude in C Sharp Minor (Rachmaninoff, Op. 3, No. 2)	My Little Old Home Down in New Orleans With Guitar
Prelude in G Minor (Rachmaninoff, Op. 23, No. 5) VICTOR CONCERT ORCHESTRA No. 35951, 12-inch	Dear Old Sunny South By the Sea With Guitar JIMMY RODGERS No. 21574, 10-inch

POPULAR DANCE AND VOCAL RECORDS

Sonny Boy (Theme song of the motion picture production, <i>The Singing Fool</i>) Jeannine I Dream of Lilac Time (Theme song of the motion picture production, <i>Lilac Time</i>) VICTOR SALON GROUP No. 35945, 12-inch	I'll Get By As Long As I Have You Fox Trot With Vocal Refrain IRVING ARONSON'S COMMANDERS Sleep Baby Sleep With Vocal Refrain EDWIN J. MCENNELLY'S ORCHESTRA No. 21776, 10-inch
Cross Roads (from the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, <i>Show People</i>) Marie (from the United Artists picture, <i>The Awakening</i>) (Berlin) FRANKLYN BAUER No. 21737, 10-inch	Shreveport—Stomp Shoe Shiner's Drag—Slow Blues JIMMY ROLL MORTON'S RED HOT PETERS No. 21638, 10-inch
Sonny Boy (from Warner Bros. picture, <i>The Singing Fool</i>) She's Funny That Way—I Got a Woman, Crazy for Me GENE AUSTIN No. 21779, 10-inch	I Found You "Gus" When I Found You "In" Somebody Else's Arms Fox Trot With Vocal Refrain TED WIZENS AND HIS ORCHESTRA Take Your Tomorrow (And Give Me Today)—Fox Trot With Vocal Refrain EDWIN J. MCENNELLY'S ORCHESTRA No. 21773, 10-inch
Dusky Stevedore Blue Shadows (from Earl Carroll's <i>Vanities</i>) THE REVELERS No. 21765, 10-inch	Another Kiss—Waltz (from Paramount picture, <i>Manhattan Cocktail</i>) With Vocal Refrain THE TROUBADOURS Gotta Be Good—Fox Trot (from Paramount picture, <i>Manhattan Cocktail</i>) With Vocal Refrain NAT SHULKIN AND THE VICTOR ORCHESTRA No. 21772, 10-inch
Pals Just Pals (from the motion picture production, <i>Submarine</i>) Remember Me to Mary (If She Still Remembers Me) THE MELODY THREE No. 21754, 10-inch	Oh! You Sweet Old Whatcha May Call It Fox Trot With Vocal Refrain My Scandinavian Gal (By Yumpin' Yuminy)—Fox Trot With Vocal Refrain IRVING ARONSON'S COMMANDERS No. 21778, 10-inch
There's a Rainbow 'Round My Shoulder (from Warner Bros. picture, <i>The Singing Fool</i>) Happy Days and Lonely Nights JOHNNY MARTIN No. 21730, 10-inch	Up-a-Daisy!—Fox Trot (from the musical comedy, <i>Up-a-Daisy</i>) With Vocal Chorus Will You Remember? Will You Forget? Fox Trot (from the musical comedy, <i>Up-a-Daisy</i>) With Vocal Refrain VICTOR ARONSON PHIL CHMAN AND THE ORCHESTRA No. 21774, 10-inch
Peanutman—Fox Trot (from the musical comedy, <i>Three Chasers</i>) With Vocal Chorus Maybe This Is Love—Fox Trot (from the musical comedy, <i>Three Chasers</i>) With Vocal Refrain WARING'S PENNSYLVANIANS No. 21783, 10-inch	Just a Sweetheart—Fox Trot (from the motion picture production, <i>The Battle of Britain</i>) With Vocal Refrain NAT SHULKIN AND THE VICTOR ORCHESTRA Was It Love? —Waltz With Vocal Refrain THE TROUBADOURS No. 21771, 10-inch
Say That You Love Me—Fox Trot (from the musical comedy, <i>Hello Yourself</i>) With Vocal Refrain I Want the World to Know—Fox Trot (from the musical comedy, <i>Hello Yourself</i>) With Vocal Refrain WARING'S PENNSYLVANIANS No. 21783, 10-inch	

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COMMANDANT.]

No. 3/1929.

1.—Field Day.

On Sunday, January 20th, 1929, a field firing tactical exercise will be carried out at Fanling in which all units of the Corps will participate. All ranks are requested to keep the day open.

Attendance at this field day will count as one day in camp.

Os.O. Units will submit probable numbers attending by 12 noon on Friday, January 18th, 1929.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, January 18th, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, and 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, January 19th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

All ranks will travel out on the 9.08 a.m. train from Kowloon not on the 6.15 a.m. at previously arranged.

2.—Officers' Mess Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Officers' Mess will take place on Tuesday, January 22nd, at 5.45 p.m.

All Officers will attend.

3.—Sergeants' Mess Meeting.

There will be Sergeants' Mess Meeting on Thursday, January 24th, at 6 p.m. All members are expected to attend.

4.—Musketry.

(a) Musketry on Sunday, January 20th, 1929, is cancelled.

(b) The Battery and The Reserve Company will fire Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, January 27th, 1929.

Range Officer: Lieut. C. P. Anderson, M.C.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry order, i.e., rifle, belt, bayonet, braces and pouches. Uniform or multi optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, January 25th, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, January 26th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

5.—Corps Band.

The Band will parade at full strength for practices as hereunder for G.O.C.'s Inspection. Dress: Muffi.

Tuesday, January 22nd, 5.30 p.m.: Lecture Room.

Wednesday, January 23rd, 5.30 p.m.: Parade ground for marching.

Friday, January 25th, 5.30 p.m.: Lecture Room.

6.—The Battery.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to Corps orders regarding Field Day on Sunday, January 20th. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend with a view to studying the points arising in connection with Field operations of this nature. All who can attend and have not yet notified the O.C. Battery should do so by the afternoon of Friday, January 18th.

MUSKETRY.

The Battery will fire Part I: at Stonecutters on Sunday, January 27th, 1929. The attention of all ranks is drawn to Corps orders regarding same.

BATTERY DINNER.

The Battery Dinner will be held on the evening of Tuesday, January 22nd, 1929. Fuller details will be circulated to all ranks as soon as possible. Will all ranks please keep that date free.

7.—The Engineer Company.

The Company will parade at 15.00 hours on Saturday, January 19th, at Queen's Pier, for the purpose of proceeding to Lyman for camp. Returning on Sunday night, January 20th, at 22.00 hours.

Dress: Helmets, tunics, slacks, greatcoats, black boots, belt, haversack and waterbottle.

8.—Corps Signals.

Monday, January 21st. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction. Dress: Muffi.

9.—Mounted Infantry Company.

Sunday, January 20th, 1929. Field Day at Fanling in accordance with Corps Orders. A full turn out of those available is expected in order to have sufficient numbers to carry out the duties assigned to this Company. Rifles will be carried except by Nos. 1 and 2 of gun team.

Thursday, January 24th, 1929. Parade will be omitted. All ranks are reminded that the M.I. Reunion Dinner takes place at the Hong Kong Hotel on this date at 8 p.m.

10.—Armoured Car Company.

FRIDAY, January 18th and 25th. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for run around the Island in the Armoured Car.

Monday, January 21st. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muffi.

MOTOR CYCLE SECTION.
Monday, January 21st, 1929. All ranks parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. sharp for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muffi.

FIELD DAY.

Sunday, January 20th, 1929. It is hoped that every member will make a point of attending. Motor Cycle outfits will be in charge of Lieut. Rogers and Thomas.

11.—Machine Gun Company.

There will be a full strength parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22nd, for Machine Gun Instruction under Sub-Section Commanders. Dress: Overall.

FIELD DAY.

It is hoped that all ranks will make an effort to be present, especially those who missed a day in camp.

12.—Scottish Company.

Thursday, January 24th, 1929. Platoons will parade at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Muffi, as follows:—

Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons at Corps Headquarters.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock.

13.—Portuguese Company.

PARADES.

The Company will parade as strong as possible on Friday, January 25th, at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. It is hoped that all ranks will do their utmost to put in as many parades as possible until the end of the present training season.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

The attention is called to Company Orders of Corps Orders of last week re deficiencies of clothing and equipment.

14.—Reserve Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 23rd, 1929, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muffi.

Musketry Part I. The attention of all ranks is drawn to this Corps Order para. 4 regarding Table "T" to be fired by the Company on Sunday, January 27th, 1929.

15.—Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1436 Pte. W. Roy-Hawke, M.I. Co., as from January 16th, 1929.

No. 1437 Pte. J. A. Summers, No. 7 Platoon, as from January 16th, 1929.

No. 1438 Pte. C. C. Sousa, No. 10 Platoon, as from January 16th, 1929.

No. 1439 Gnr. H. F. Westlake, The Battery, as from January 11th, 1929.

No. 1440 Spr. D. F. Davies, Engineer Co., as from January 15th, 1929.

16.—Appointments.

No. 1242 Pte. C. E. Backhouse and No. 1230 Pte. J. A. E. Kendrew, Mounted Infantry Company, are appointed Lance-Corporals, as from January 15th, 1929.

17.—Marksmen.

The undermentioned have qualified as marksmen and are entitled to wear the badge for one year:—

Points.

No. 80 C.S.M. H. Green, M.G. Co. 98

No. 245 C.Q.M.S. G. Stewart, M.G. Co. 93

No. 604 Pte. G. B. Vallack, No. 1 Platoon 95

No. 1420 Pte. G. E. R. Divett, No. 1 Platoon 93

No. 1186 Pte. M. F. Baptista, No. 10 Platoon 93

No. 46 Pte. A. Morley, Reserve Co. 92

18.—Leave.

No. 1392 Pte. J. H. Davy, M.I. Co., from January 11th, 1929, to January 16th, 1929.

No. 1410 Pte. P. W. J. Plannet, M.C. Section, from January 14th to February 13th, 1929.

No. 1433 Pte. R. H. D. Wade, No. 1 Platoon, from January 3rd to March 31st, 1929.

No. 1254 Pte. L. J. Cave, M.C. Section, from January 15th to 31st, 1929.

Reference Corps Order No. 2/1929 para. 19 No. 1352 Pte. S. M. West, No. 1 Platoon, is granted sick leave from November 15th, 1928, to February 5th, 1929.

19.—Struck Off The Strength.

Having left the Colony:—

No. 1246 Pte. J. H. M. Andrew, No. 1 Platoon, from October 23rd, 1928.

No. 587 Pte. G. M. Shaw, Reserve Co., as from January 1st, 1929.

No. 445 L/Opl. D. E. G. Nicholson, A.C. Co., from January 1st, 1929.

No. 1021 Pte. B. MacIntyre, A.C. Co., from January 1st, 1929.

No. 671 Pte. A. K. Henderson, Reserve Co., from January 1st, 1929.

On Medical Grounds, as from December 4th, 1928:—

No. 623 Pte. A. Craig, No. 5 Platoon.

Having claimed his discharge on completion of three years' service or over:—

No. 615 Spr. G. E. Tavares, Engineer Co., from January 6th, 1929.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

HONG KONG, JANUARY 18th, 1929.

LONDON'S NEW
BASEMENT.MORE ABOUT PICCADILLY
STATION.

London, December 20th (U.P.).—The Hub of the World has a new bigger and better basement. It is the largest "underworld" of its kind in existence. A subterranean system of tubes, tunnels, passages, and escalators, three stories deep, the new Piccadilly Circus Underground Station has been formally opened by the Mayor of the City of Westminster.

A game of cricket could be played in the booking hall, which is at least large enough for a baseball infield. It measures 155 by 146 feet. Six entrances feed the new station, through which fifty million Londoners will pass annually. The eleven escalators are the largest in the world and run directly from the train platforms—the lowest tube is 102 feet below the street—to the booking-hall level. Walking is reduced to a minimum, and passengers may reach the street two and a half minutes sooner than they could from the old station. The middle tube is eighty six feet below street level. Two trains a minute will be the rush hour capacity of the station. The walls of the booking hall are lined with shops and show windows, offering a new field of exploration to Londoners and visitors to the city. Poor pedestrians who formerly dodged through the one-way traffic of the Circus may now pass in peace underground, and make a few purchases on the way. The station has been four years in construction, at a cost of half a million sterling. The chief difficulty was to build this station, supporting the roof of Piccadilly Circus, without disrupting overhead traffic. Officially, the excavation of the hall was accomplished by "a series of methodical borrowings." So much for official statements in London.

Lord Byng And The Night Hawks.

The average man does not wait until he is past sixty to show his first interest in night clubs. Lord Byng of Vimy is sixty-six, and is now displaying an initial, and very active, interest in what goes on in the "West End" "after hours." The night clubs wish that he had not waited until he became Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police to look after their welfare. Many managers have decided that if Lord Byng has waited this long, he might as well wait a few years longer, and have sent the furniture back to the instalment house and closed shop. Those who have not closed permanently, are at least closing on time, for the Byng Boys are noted for their love of punctuality. Dozens of clubs where the customer paid a half crown at the door and became a member for the evening have withered even sooner than they appeared. The average club of this kind is equipped with a four or five piece orchestra, a small dance floor, a fully stocked bar "for members only," and half a dozen slot machines where individual contributions range from one penny to two shillings, the size of the coin depending upon the wealth and discretion of the customer.

The uproar in the "West End" night life began before Lord Byng took office. A prison sentence imposed upon Mrs. Merrick, mother-in-law of two Peers, known locally as the "Queen of the Night Clubs," and the arrest of Sergeant Goddard of the Vine Street Police Station threw "Soho" into a real panic.

Goddard had £2,000 in one safe deposit box alone. He had served in the West End for over twenty years. Mrs. Merrick has been accused of contributing to Sergeant Goddard's financial achievements.

No Actresses For The Guards.

All's fair in love and war is obviously not the motto of the Brigade of Guards. The Guards not only have their own ideas about war but a long standing rule regulates, to a certain degree, the love affairs of the officers. An officer must resign his commission if he becomes engaged to an actress.

Naturally, resignations due to this rule are not rare. The latest is that of Captain Archie Grant, of the Scots Guards, whose engagement to Miss Teddie Gerard, of revue fame, automatically brought his military career to an end. Happiness before hide-bound regulations is the way Mr. Grant, late of the Guards, looks at the situation. Stage folks are a great deal more emphatic in their comments. They consider the regulation an insult to their profession. Some have called it a relic of the dim ages, and other things. An actress may, in the discretion of the Lord Chamberlain, be presented at Court, but the Guards don't seem to care about that. In these days, when many members of the Peerage are directly connected with the theatre, a strict application of the Guards' ruling may lead to amusing, or embarrassing, proposals in society.

MONEY & MARKETS.

THE LOCAL TRADE IN
CASSIA.MARKET THAT HAS NOT
RECOVERED FROM
STRIKE.

The local cassia trade has not yet recovered from the slump caused by the general strike in 1923. The commodity is chiefly imported from French Indo-China and Wuchow by Chinese traders and re-exported to America, Singapore and Europe. Before the strike, business in this line was very profitable and large consignments from Indo-China were reshipped for making into cassia oil and for other medical uses. There are two main grades both of which were imported into the Colony but at different seasons. During the Summer, the lower grade, Kwai Pai or cassia bark, is received and transported to Singapore, while in winter, the better grade, called kwai yuk or cassia, is received and shipped to America and Europe.

Our representative was informed by a cassia dealer that business in this line has declined to a-third of what it was before the strike. Quotations vary but prices for the best grade are now from \$30 to \$150 per picul while the lowest grades are quoted from \$10 to \$50 a picul.

UNION WATERBOATS.

PROPOSED DIVIDEND.

The Union Waterboat Company, Ltd., announces that, subject to audit, the net balance at profit and loss account for the year ending December 31st, 1928, is \$47,815.51 which amount the members of the Consulting Committee will, at the approaching meeting of shareholders, recommend to be allocated as follows:—

Dividend of \$1.25 per share	\$34,653.75
Bonus of 55 cents per share	6,930.75
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	\$47,815.51

H. G. WELLS THE MODEL
HOST.HOW HE WORKS AND PLAYS
AT NICE.

Nice:—H. G. Wells, the British author, has solved the problem of entertaining guests and getting his work done, at the same time, by renting two villas on the sunny Alpine coast of the Mediterranean.

One house, the villa "Lou Pidou" is Wells' own habitat, forbidden to his guests, and houses his typewriter and library. The other house is exclusively for his guests and Wells promises not to step inside its door during "working hours."

His guest's house is just as comfortable as and even more attractive than his own villa. It is manned by servants, its wine cellar is stocked to the gunwales, and every guest has a key. In its garden are orange trees bearing bushels of fruit.

When Wells launches his invitations, he asks his guests to come to Grasse to be his guests every evening during their stay. That is all the warning he gives them. When they arrive they find a room or suite assigned to them, with servants set aside to see to their comfort.

Wells does not show up all day, but after he folds up his desk every night he locks one villa and goes to the other to play. He is seldom seen at the casinos of palatial hotels where society gathers to spin the ball at roulette or play until morning.

He is hard at work on his new book. All day long he writes. He has turned down hundreds of offers, many of them at fabulous rates, to write on contemporary topics for the reviews. He has refused enough banquet invitations to provide him with food for a month. He will cut himself off from London and the company of his friends—during working hours—until his newest book is terminated in February.

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LOCAL SHIPMASTERS' OPINIONS.

NEW STORIES COME TO LIGHT.

NO OFFICIAL INQUIRY LIKELY.

With the sinking of the s.s. Hsin Wah there appears to be yet another mystery added to the great quota of unsolved enigmas of the sea. To the lay mind, it seems almost incredible for a well-found modern steamship, carrying over 400 human beings, to crash on to rocks which are indicated at night by a powerful beacon-light, without some definite and easily understood cause.

As is usually the case in this type of disaster, the true facts have to be carefully selected and considered from a vast number of garbled statements given by survivors. It frequently happens—and it is probably so in this instance—that not even the most competent of any of the survivors is able to form anything like a clear idea of the events immediately preceding the disaster.

As for the disaster itself, the evidence seems to suggest that each individual who remained to tell of their experiences in this tragedy of the sea was more concerned in the moments of danger with obeying instincts of self-preservation than in taking mental note of the doing of their fellows.

In the absence of any official inquiry, it seems that we shall have to take these garbled statements, many of which may be contradicted as soon as they are made, and construct from them a story based on the most likely statements which may, or may not, contain much truth. In any event, it is more likely that the true history of the Hsin Wah disaster may never be known.

THE CHIEF OFFICER'S STATEMENT.

Further details are to hand of the Hsin Wah disaster, writes a *Daily Press* representative. The owners of the ill-fated vessel state that it is not likely that an official inquiry will be held as the ship was registered in Shanghai. It is also authoritatively stated that the total number of lives lost is 403. Only 28 have been saved.

The rescued Chief Officer, Mr. P. Jacobsen, is making satisfactory progress in the Government Civil Hospital from the effects of his six hours immersion in the ice-cold water. Yesterday, he was less dazed and more able to make a coherent statement. He said that on being awakened from his sleep by the shock of the vessel striking the rock, he fought his way through a surging mass of struggling humanity to the bridge where he joined Captain Jensen. They were unable to quieten the panic-stricken Chinese and the Chief Officer was washed overboard.

The bo'sun has modified his previous story in which he said he "saw no European officers on the bridge at all." He now states definitely that he saw Captain Jensen on the bridge directing the course of the ship as far as he was able and sounding distress signals on the siren. With the Captain were the Chief Officer, the Chinese Second Officer, the Chief Engineer, the Second Officer, and the quarter-master.

It will be noticed that no statement had been made by either the Chief Officer or the bo'sun, as yet, to indicate who were the officers actually on the bridge before the collision, nor would the Chief Officer repeat a statement he is said to have made to the police that he saw Captain Jensen at a later stage swimming in the water.

SCOURING THE WATERS.

Mr. T. W. Hosgood (Assistant Harbour Master) and Mr. R. J. Nunn (Boarding Officer), have been out to Waglan. They saw the Hsin Wah submerged with a portion of her foremast showing above water. The ship was apparently almost on her beam end. Upon their return, the following notice was issued:—

"Sunken wreck of s.s. Hsin Wah in position approximately North 4 degrees West true from Waglan Lighthouse, distant five cables."

The tug Henry Keswick has made a second journey to the scene of the wreck to search for bodies. Several vessels have searched adjacent waters and police have landed on Pu Toi and other islands and have satisfied themselves that no living persons were washed ashore.

Twenty-two of the survivors are accommodated in the Wan Kau boarding house. The owners of the Hsin Wah and the Tung Wah Hospital are looking after the interests of all the survivors.

OTHER NAVIGATORS' OPINIONS.

Local maritime circles find the mystery of the Hsin Wah an all-absorbing topic. Various theories and conjectures have been advanced to our representative by captains and mates of vessels in harbour.

"There has been no suggestion, up to the moment, of any engine-room trouble," said one officer. "It seems to me that if the engines had broken down or if her steering-gear was giving trouble, she would have given some notification to the lighthouse people. I rather think the trouble was due to a wrong bearing being taken on the lighthouse in the dark."

"If that was the case, I do not think Captain Jensen could have been on the bridge prior to the crash. We both belonged to the same Guild and I knew him quite well. He was a most experienced navigator and, moreover, quite conversant with these waters. A man of his experience could tell his distance from the lighthouse without difficulty, even if the night was as black as pitch. All navigators know the drifts of the currents around Waglan."

"No navigator in his right senses would steer so close to Waglan," opined the captain of another ship. "It was a dark night but I should not describe the weather conditions as 'terrible'—it was just an ordinary 'dirty night at sea.' The ship was a fairly modern one with good engines and well found and I do not think she could have been driven helplessly on to the rocks by the elements in the ordinary way."

A Likely Opinion?

"I knew Captain Jensen fairly well. From what I knew of him I should say he was a very competent man. At any rate, he would not be inclined to take great risks. You must remember that the Second Officer who was on watch was quite inexperienced. It was probably the first time he had been in charge of the watch when entering harbour, and I am inclined to believe that this young Chinese officer tried to bring the ship in as far as he could without the assistance of the Captain."

"Maybe he had instructions to call the Captain when the light was on the bow but for some reason or other did not do so. This is only a theory, of course. I doubt if we shall ever know the truth of the matter. At any rate, the disaster should teach a lesson to the people concerned and, in future, ships not equipped with wireless should not be permitted to carry passengers."

"The ship was in pilotage waters clearly marked on the charts," said the mate of a Chinese-owned vessel. "I should think the Captain would be on the bridge. If not, I do not think he was called. No Chinese Second Officer should be allowed to take a watch unless he is fully competent. Even then, he should be supervised by the Captain in an approach to any harbour."

"For the sake of the honour of the Captain and the First Officer there should be an official inquiry of some sort," said another officer. "This could take the form of a Coroner's inquest into the circumstances surrounding the deaths of the persons whose bodies have been recovered."

There is strong local feeling that the authorities concerned should institute an inquiry notwithstanding the fact that the ship was registered in Shanghai and Chinese-owned. (Continued on next column.)

THE VERNACULAR MIDDLE SCHOOL.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR REPORTED.

235 CANDIDATES AND 63 ADMISSIONS.

Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., gave away the awards at the Government Vernacular Middle School annual prize giving yesterday morning. A large number of parents and friends were present including Mr. A. E. Wood, director of Education.

The Headmaster read a very satisfactory report and the keenness for admission was shown by the fact that 235 candidates competed for 63 vacant places.

Dr. Kotewall in a short speech mentioned that the University School for Chinese students had recently been started and had drawn a number of pupils from the Middle School. He was glad to see the school supplying the higher grade pupils preparing for a University course.

The Report.

The Headmaster (Mr. K. H. Li, B.A.), in the course of his report said: I have the pleasure to announce the appointment by the Government of Mr. Woo Hang Kam, Mr. T. N. Chau and Mr. Kwok Yau Ting as "Hok Tung" of this school. These gentlemen have been with Dr. S. W. Tso, our friend and untiring supporter, a highly esteemed body of helpers and advisers to our school.

The maximum enrolment of the year was 308, and average attendance 153.51 as against 178 and 165.84, respectively, in 1927. It is interesting to note that during the year 51 students have never been absent for a single school day.

The school was regularly inspected by the Director of Education on May 4th, July 16th, and December 16th. The Medical Officer for Schools inspected the school on October 2nd and 3rd. Her assistance and advice are much appreciated.

The entrance examination held on January 3rd was attended by 235 candidates; of whom it was only possible to admit 63. Though the school is only three years old, it had had to refuse admission to 68 candidates, largely owing to lack of classroom accommodation.

This year we had much greater success in sports than the previous years. We sent our Volley Ball Team to compete for the Senior Shield and turned out to be the runners-up. Over twenty Football Teams, including two of the local Army, challenged us for friendly matches, and we were fortunate enough to have in most cases victory on our side. In swimming one of our boys, Yeung Hang Wah, competed for the open championship in the two Harbour Races held under the auspices of the Chinese Bathing Club and the Victoria Recreation Club, and he came out second and fourth respectively.

The health of the students throughout the school year has been satisfactory. As a precaution against small-pox a number of students were re-vaccinated in December.

In concluding, I have to pay a tribute to the co-operation and loyalty of my staff during the year under review.

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERS REMANDED.

ONE DISCHARGED.

The five Chinese who are appearing on charges of armed robbery in the Shatin district, and kidnapping two children were again before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Evidence was given by detectives of arrest and the Magistrate remanded four of the defendants until Monday, January 21st, and discharged the fifth defendant who was not identified by the young girl found in the flat at No. 606, Shanghai Street, when the police raided the place on information.

It will be remembered that an armed gang raided an unnumbered flat at Shatin and after overpowering the inmates carried off not only all articles of value, but two little children, one of whom was at the flat in Shanghai Street.

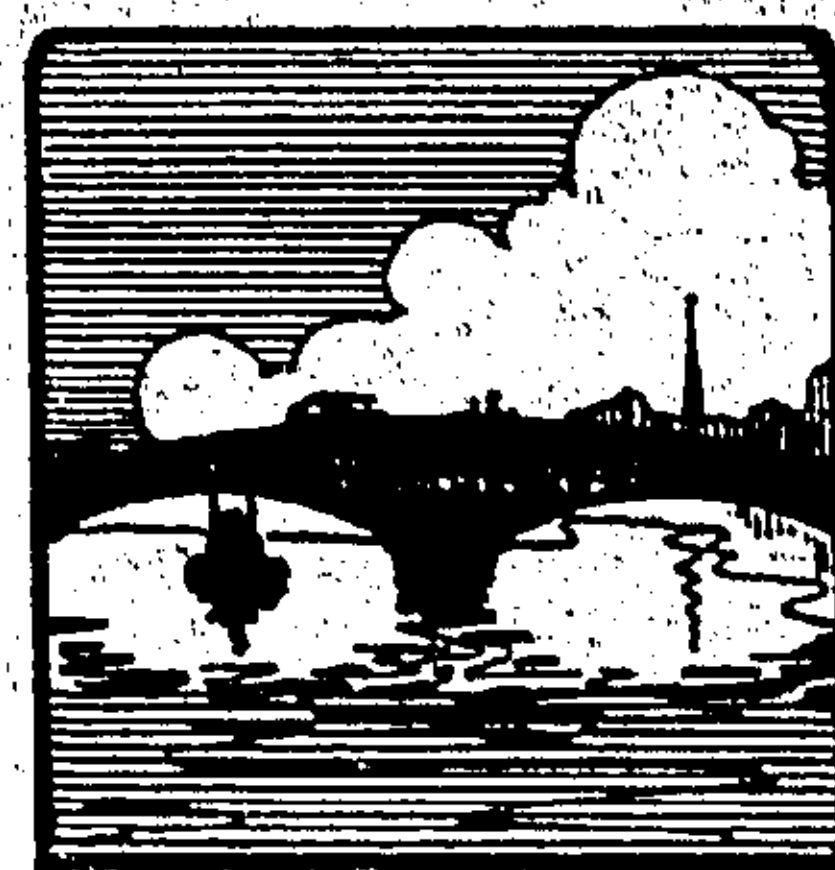
A FRUITLESS SEARCH.

The Kwong Wah Hospital engaged the services of two steam launches Kwong Shuen and Wing Lee, and made a thorough search of the neighbouring islands and bays for further survivors or victims of the ill-fated Hsin Wah, but both vessels returned late last night without having found any trace of either. The launches, carried provisions and clothes in case any survivors were found, and were also equipped with necessary gear for saving the bodies of any victims which they might see so as to bring them to Hong Kong for burial.

A round of all the Police Stations late last night confirmed the statement that no further survivors from the shipwreck have been found.

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The Important pronouncements, regarding the aims and the future of the Hong Kong University, made by the Chancellor, H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, and the Vice-Chancellor, at Degree Day, are fully reported.

Changes are announced in the constitution of the Legislative Council in the addition of two Official and two Unofficial members, the latter both of them residents of Kowloon.

Our Canton Correspondent gives an amusing account of the discomfort and indignation caused in Canton by the continual failure of the electric lights. The views of both Government and Company are stated. He also describes some troubles of the Railways in Kwantung.

Cable news from the North include the sensational execution of Yang Yu Ting, by Chan Hsueh Liang, who seems to have inherited the flair for such coups so characteristic of his father Chang Tso Lin.

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CANTON NEW YEAR BANQUET.

GENERAL CHEN MING SHU ON CHINA'S AIMS AND ACHIEVEMENTS.

AMERICAN CONSUL-GENERAL'S CORDIAL REPLY.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, January 17th.

M. Avenol, Assistant Secretary-General of the League of Nations, arrived in Canton from Hong Kong early this morning for a short official visit before proceeding to Nanking. He was met by Dr. Chao Hsin Chu, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, and was taken to the Victoria Hotel, Shamoen. Later he paid an official call on Dr. Chu who knew M. Avenol very well in Geneva when the former was China's representative at the League of Nations.

In the afternoon M. Avenol visited General Chen Ming Shu, Chairman of the Provincial Council.

M. Avenol was also guest of honour at the Government House at the New Year banquet given by Marshal Li Tsai Hsin and General Chen Ming Shu. There were 150 distinguished guests of nearly every nationality, including Admiral Stoltz of the French Navy, H.E. Henrik de Kauffmann, the Danish Minister to China, and a score or more of others.

THE NEW ERA IN CHINA.

General Chen Ming Shu said:—
It is with the greatest pleasure that I welcome to Canton as our guests of honour, M. Avenol, Assistant Secretary-General of the League of Nations, H.E. Henrik de Kauffmann, the Danish Minister to China, and Admiral Stoltz of the French Navy. I have also cordially invited representatives and friends of other nations, and my own colleagues to this banquet.

After more than ten years of turmoil and strife, we have come to the real unification of China. A new hope is being born as bright as the spring flowers now before me in this room. The Chinese people have won their present position by their unyielding spirit and continued sacrifices. The period of reconstruction has begun and the Central Government is doing its best to reconstruct China.

The first and most important step is the present Conference for Military Reorganization and Demobilization, now being held at Nanking. Its purpose is to disband all superfluous soldiers and to unify the national finances. The success of the Conference should mean a turning-point for China. Thanks to the harmony among our military leaders, the Conference has been proceeding smoothly. Though first of all an internal affair, yet we must remember that peace in China, to a large measure, means the peace in the world, and that the welfare of China means the welfare of the world. The problems of China are the problems of the world.

Because of interdependence between countries, we must lay stress on world economics. China is a large country, possessing great natural resources, but they are not fully developed. At present, we are seeking assistance as regards experts and capital from our neighbours. Such assistance will, I am sure, be mutually beneficial.

At present, eleven countries have signed new tariff treaties with China. This is indeed a gesture of friendship from those countries towards China. Aggressive policy towards China is a thing of the past. The Chinese people are daily becoming more and more enlightened. In the old days they could be easily deceived, but they are different now. This is indeed China's new strength, and we are all certain that the old policy of aggression has been abandoned.

Supposing for a moment that China were destroyed, what good would it do to the world from an economic standpoint? In reality, China as a nation can never be destroyed. Let us consider, for an example, a family dining around a table. If one member is absent, the appearance of the table will not look right. So one may think of the family of nations. There is a Chinese proverb which says "When one person has to retire to a corner, the whole company feels unhappy." This shows that the Chinese is a sympathetic people. Sympathy, I deem, is necessary in personal relations as well as in international relations.

"Unequal Privileges."
Tariff restriction, Consular jurisdiction and other unequal privileges forced upon China, are an iron chain binding China. China must be released before she can be mistress in her own house. Therefore our friends must not hesitate to treat China on a basis of equality. The foundation of the Chinese National Government is being laid, more and more firmly day by day. The legislative council at Nanking is carefully compiling a complete code of law, so that every individual who resides in China may have full protection. The completion of this code is not very far off. Therefore, I hope that our friends will not insist on the continuance of Consular Jurisdiction.

The foreign policy of our National Government is largely guided by public sentiment, which likewise holds a very important place in every country. As our Chinese people have been trained for thousands of years to be peace-loving, we form our foreign policy on the

basis of justice and frankness. We cherish no idea of revenge. We only aim to preserve the peace and prosperity of China, and of the world at large. We earnestly hope that the friendly nations will not fail to help China in realizing this aim.

As chairman of the Provincial Council, I shall do my best to achieve works of reconstruction, to give full protection to foreigners, and to maintain peace and order throughout the land.

Colleagues, in conclusion let us drink to the closer friendship and good will among all the nations and to the health and happiness of our honourable guests and of friends here this evening.

MR. DOUGLAS JENKINS REPLIES.

Mr. Douglas Jenkins, the American Consul-General and Senior Consul at Shamoen, in reply said:—

The honour of saying a few words this evening on behalf of the Consular Body devolves upon me as Senior Consul. This does not necessarily mean that I am the oldest or the wisest consul in Canton. It simply means that I have served at this post longer than any of my colleagues.

The members of the Consular Body have come to look forward with much pleasure to these annual dinners given by the Provincial Government. They furnish an excellent opportunity for us to meet and talk with our Chinese friends. Most of us have also become very fond of Cantonese cooking and we know that we are sure to have some of the best dishes put before us on these happy occasions.

To-night we have with us three prominent visitors, whose presence has added much to this occasion. It is regretted, however, that Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, whom we have all learned to respect and for whom we have a deepening friendship, is unavoidably absent in Nanking.

The Last Six Years.

Many things have happened in Canton during the six years I have resided here and I hope I may be pardoned if I indulge in a few reminiscences. In 1923, when I first arrived, the leaders of the National Government had not yet succeeded in developing and realizing their programme. They scarcely controlled this city and exercised but scanty influence in the outlying districts of Kwangtung Province. They were subject to attacks from opposing military leaders. The railway to Hong Kong was occupied by hostile forces and no trains could run. Telegraph communications were interrupted most of the time. There was no definite programme in government circles and the city was under the control of military forces unfriendly to each other and of doubtful loyalty to the civil administration.

As the years have passed the situation has gradually changed and one improvement after another has been effected. The civil administration increased its control over the various military groups and extended its influence throughout the province. Then came the march of the Cantonese northward and the final consolidation of the entire country under the present National Government. We have enjoyed peace and order in Canton during the past year and the indications now are that the people of this city and province are recovering from the disastrous effects of the revolution and attendant civil warfare.

Go Ahead Canton.

Six years ago Canton had some broad streets but they were paved only with macadam. To-day there are miles of asphalt streets in the city and the number of motor-cars and motor buses is increasing, while the highways of Kwangtung and Kwangsi provinces are being improved and extended. In 1923 the Canton Mint was lifeless; to-day the plant is in operation and the Provincial Government is coin-ing silver for the use of the people.

INQUIRY INTO SOLDIER'S DEATH.

CAUSED BY BLAZING CAN OF PETROL.

A Divisional Court of Inquiry was held in Whitefield Barracks, Kowloon, yesterday morning to inquire into the circumstances of the death from burns of Signalmen Harold White, aged 31, of the Royal Corps of Signals.

Signalmen White poured petrol upon a nest of white ants and then struck a match to destroy them. The flame spread along a trail of spirit which had trickled down from a can placed on a nearby shelf. White apparently attempted to shift the can but it overturned and blazing petrol poured all over him.

A comrade dashed to his assistance but White was so badly burned that he died later in hospital.

The Court found that White's death was due to accidental causes. A sad feature of the case was that Signalmen White had just completed his term of Army Service and was due to go home to England on the next transport.

If there was any paper currency in circulation in 1923 it was much depreciated. To-day the notes of the Central Bank in this province are circulating at par. The railway to Hong Kong is in operation with two express trains each way daily and the telegraph lines have been restored. It is true that there is still much to be done before Kwangtung Province can enter upon a period of extensive economic development. I am sure, however, that I voice the sentiment of my colleagues when I say that we feel that this happy period is now near at hand.

Normal Relations With The Government.

The years of revolution and turmoil have been full of trial and anxiety for the officials of this province, and the consular representatives have not been free from the strain. To-day, however, normal relations have been re-established and our contact with the Government of Kwangtung is closer and easier than it has been for many years. My colleagues and I realize, however, that while our duties are now far more pleasant than they used to be, our responsibilities are no less, but perhaps will be greater from day to day. Now the time for constructive work has come and the field seems to be one of almost limitless possibilities. To the average layman diplomacy is a thing of many forms and ceremonies. To my mind, however (if a consular officer may be permitted to express his opinion on the subject) there is nothing peculiar in the conduct of national relations. It is, should be, a plain and straightforward business where men must be frank and truthful and in which there should be unbounded sympathy and the will not only to protect and develop the interest of one's own country but to deal righteously and sympathetically with the people of the land to which one is sent. If those of us in the foreign service live up to these conditions we may be assured of success.

Our Friends In The Provincial Government.

From my long experience in Canton I do not doubt but that our friends in the Provincial Government will not fail to do their part in dealing with us and our nationalities. We are sure to encounter difficulties for such is the history of international relations, but if we are determined on both sides, as I am sure we shall be, to overcome these difficulties and to deal with each other in a spirit of fairness and goodwill, I entertain no doubt as to the future.

My colleagues and I have to thank our friends in the Provincial Government for many kindnesses and courtesies in the past. We greatly appreciate the friendly and helpful attitude of Marshal Li Tsai Hsin and of General Chen Ming Shu, who has recently come to the head of the Provincial Government. We feel assured that these gentlemen are doing their best not only for their own people but for the foreigners residing in this province. We would also thank our genial friend, Mr. Chu Chao Hsin, the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, with whom we are in almost daily contact and who is so invariably helpful and sympathetic. We congratulate these gentlemen and the other officials of the Kwangtung Government on the success now attending their efforts in the administration of this province. (Loud Applause.)

The Menu.

The banquet was typically Chinese, the menu being as follows:—
Hors d'Oeuvre (Canton style).
Bird's Nest Soup with Pigeon Eggs.
Shark's Fins.

Chicken and Cramp Fish.
"Yuin Nan" Ham and Prawns.
Crab With Cauliflower.
Roast Sucking Pig (whole).
Steamed "Si Kwan" Mushrooms.
Minced Quail with Lettuce.

Lo Yu With Chrysanthemum (to be cooked on the table).
Hot Chicken.
"Yi Yu" Noodles.
"Yang Chow" Fried Rice.
Fruit.

"Hiang Pen" Tea.

The third witness was a time-keeper at the Naval Yard. He stated that on February 22nd last year the register showed that a man named Leung Fong was on duty in the morning and afternoon. On the 23rd he worked only in the morning. On the 24th he worked the whole day. The working hours were from 7 a.m. to noon and 1.30 to 4.45 p.m.

In answer to Mr. Brooks' witness said that blacksmiths sometimes worked overtime, but he was unable to check whether Leung Fong worked overtime on those days as the time sheets had been sent to England for audit.

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KENNEDY ROAD MURDER.

ACCUSED AND ALLEGED CONFESSIONS.

ANOTHER WITNESS'S EVIDENCE.

Further alleged confessions by Leung Fong, the blacksmith charged with the murder in Kennedy Road, were disclosed by a fellow-worker at the Naval Yard when proceedings were resumed before Major O. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, is prosecuting and Mr. E. S. C. Brooks (of Messrs. Hastings, Denys and Bowley) conducting the defence.

The murder was committed on February 22nd last year when the deceased, Fung Man Shu, was with a young married woman near Monmouth Path in the evening. A bracelet stolen from the girl at the time was identified by her. It was found in a pawnshop and the ticket was alleged to have been given by the accused to another man.

Li Yun Lam, the second witness in the case, stated at a previous hearing that he received the pawn ticket from the accused and had handed it to his wife. Yesterday he told the Court that on four occasions the accused made references while at work in the Naval Yard to a murder.

Retribution And Deterioration.

"Misfortune has befallen me since I stabbed a person to death in Kennedy Road. I am shedding my hair. The few dollars which I made from the murder have been lost in gambling, and I am as poor as ever. Retribution deteriorates me. We are both so poor that it is no use swinging hammers." These were some of the statements made by the accused, said witness. Continuing, witness said that the accused told him that he was with another man when the murder was committed. The accused attacked the lady and demanded her jewellery. A man came and pushed him away. The accused then stabbed him with a dagger just to hurt him, but with no intent to kill him.

Under cross-examination witness stated that on one occasion when the accused made the statement three others overheard it. Witness asked one of them later whether he thought such a thing could be true.

Witness And A Detective.

Mr. Brooks: When did you first give information to the police; how did your evidence come to be taken?—I did not report to the police; on November 9th, Shek Tui (detective) came to see me.

You say that the accused gave you this pawn ticket?—Yes. Is it the fact that pawn tickets are often bought and sold?—Yes, in the street.

Can you suggest why he gave you a valuable thing like that?—Since he lost money in gambling and had no money to redeem the article; as we were friends he gave it to me.

All the more reason why he should try to raise some money?—He was an acquaintance of mine.

Did you try to borrow some money from him in November?—No.

Did you owe him any money?—No.

When was the last occasion when you borrowed money from him?—Over a year ago.

Extraordinary Statements.

How did you come to make these extraordinary statements against the accused?—I did when Shek Tui questioned me.

What was the joke you had with the accused the first time he spoke about this?—About gambling and sparrows (mah jong); I cannot remember exactly.

And yet you can remember the exact words used by the accused?—No, not the exact words.

Did you write down the statements?—No, I cannot read or write.

Did you have any conversation with the last witness about this case?—No.

Did you tell him the wonderful story he told?—No. And did you tell him the wonderful story you were going to say?—No.

Did you read about this case in the newspapers last February?—I cannot read.

I put it to you that what you say the accused told you is purely your own imagination?—No, he talked a lot about it.

Timekeeper's Evidence.

The third witness was a time-keeper at the Naval Yard. He stated that on February 22nd last year the register showed that a man named Leung Fong was on duty in the morning and afternoon. On the 23rd he worked only in the morning. On the 24th he worked the whole day. The working hours were from 7 a.m. to noon and 1.30 to 4.45 p.m.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE KOWLOON "KICKING" EPIDEMIC.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—Since you seem to be collecting "kicks" from Kowloon residents, may I add one more to your collection? I want to register one symphatic "kick" about the habit some people here have of parking their cars in the streets all night. Is it permissible by the police to leave one's car on the open highway in this manner? In my opinion any officer finding a car left unattended all night in this manner should be authorised to impound the machine, the owner being required to present himself at the police court next day, and made to pay heavily for the release of his car. Some owner-drivers in Kowloon ought to try their little games on in a city like San Francisco or New York. At the same time they would learn quite a lot about traffic regulations—and they certainly need a few lessons, especially those bright young men who love to sweep down to the ferry in their machines at 35 miles an hour with the klaxon in full blast, and pull up in the midst of all the traffic outside the gates with a terrible squeaking of brakes. But about this all-night parking in public thoroughfares, I would like to know whether police regulations permit it, or whether there is no order at all on the subject. If the latter, then I think this is one more job for the Kowloon members of the Legislative Council to tackle. I am not a garage-owner, so I do not lose anything as a result of this practice, but fear of the consequences has so far kept me from following the example of the roadside parkers. If there is nothing to be afraid of, maybe I shall join the merry band myself.—Yours, etc.

Kowloon, Jan. 16th, 1929.

THE WHAMPOA PORT SCHEME.

SURVEY WORK COMMENCED.

Mr. Li Lu Cho, Director-General of the Whampoa Port Development Company, has ordered the survey of Shum Shui Bay to be undertaken. This bay is at the further end of the Chuking River in Whampoa, being about 60 miles from the harbour, and about 31 li from the centre of Canton City. It is bounded on the south by Sanchow as far as Cheungchong Island, and the Hungshing, Lungshuen, Takut and Tungku sand-banks, while on the north it is bounded by Yuchu Hu up to Shung Kong village, along which the Director-General has decided to build the bund for the Whampoa Port.

Shum Shui Bay has a depth of water from 30 to 50 feet and has a breadth of 350 to 1,000 feet and will accommodate a considerable number of vessels. It served as the anchorage of ocean steamers at the time when they could not sail into the inland water of Canton, and is also an excellent storm shelter. According to the report of the Board of Conservancy Works, says the Canton Gazette, few typhoons have visited this bay within the past twenty years, and they have caused no great damage.

With the present depth and breadth of the above-mentioned bay it is now only necessary to have it dredged to an even depth of 35 feet so as to make the depth equal to that of the inlet of Whampoa, and in this way it will enable steamers of large size to anchor in the bay, or moor near the shore at all times, thus making Whampoa a first-class commercial port.

MORE KOWLOON DOG-OWNERS SUMMONED.

When Mr. P. T. Farrel appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy on a summons for allowing his dog to be on the streets without a muzzle, he said that he knew nothing of the incident until he received the summons of January 11th. The Indian constable admitted that he had failed to inform anyone at the defendant's house of the offence, and the Magistrate dismissed the summons, remarking that by not notifying somebody in the house the defendant could not be expected to answer a summons he knew nothing about.

Mr. K. S. Kwan, of No. 162, Kowloon Tong pleaded guilty to a summons for keeping a dog without a license and allowing it to be abroad without a muzzle. The defendant said that he had an old license which had not been renewed. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$5 for the second offence, and dismissed the first with a caution.

Evidence of receiving the bracelet from her husband, the second witness, was given by the man's wife. She stated that after about twenty days she wanted money and pawned the article again at a shop a few doors from her house. The case was adjourned until this afternoon.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of Messrs. DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, on THURSDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1929, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd JANUARY to 31st JANUARY, 1929, Both Dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
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REMINDER.
HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.
TENNIS TOURNAMENT.
ENTRIES CLOSE ON SATURDAY
NEXT, 19th JANUARY.
(7250)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONG KONG.

COMPANIES WINDING-UP
No. 1 of 1924.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES, 1911-1925

AND
THE CHINESE MERCHANTS' BANK, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is intended to declare a THIRD DIVIDEND in the above matter, and Creditors, WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, are required on or before the TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF JANUARY, 1929, to send their Names and Addresses, and the particulars of their Debts or Claims and the Names and Addresses of their Solicitors, if any, to the UNDERSIGNED, the Liquidator of the said Company, and are also required by their Solicitors or Personally to come in and prove their said Debts or Claims at the Office of the Official Receiver, Supreme Court, between the Hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any Distribution made before such Debts are proved.

Dated this 15th day of January, 1929.

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Hong Kong, 19th Jan. 1929. (7244)

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NOTICE.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of this Association will be held in the BOARD ROOM of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on TUESDAY, 29th JANUARY, 1929, at 5.30 p.m. to pass and adopt the Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December, 1928, and to elect Officers, etc.

By Order,
G. E. S. UPSDELL,
Hon. Secretary.
7251

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on TUESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1929, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December, 1928.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 19th JANUARY, to TUESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1929, inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 11th Jan. 1929. (7230)

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION will be held on SATURDAY, the 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1929, at 12 O'CLOCK Noon at the CITY HALL, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution, viz:

That the Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the Shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hong Kong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hong Kong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinances (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a FURTHER EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the CORPORATION will be held on SATURDAY, the 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1929, at 12.45 in the AFTERNOON, at the same Place, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the above mentioned Meeting and of considering, and if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1929.
By Order of the Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

NOTE.—A Copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the Usual Banking Hours (SUNDAYS, PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, and BANK HOLIDAYS, excepted) in Hong Kong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the Offices of Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Prince's Building, Solicitors to the said Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the Date hereof until the Date of the above mentioned Confirmatory Meeting.

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CHAS. E. WATSON,
Secretary.

COUNCIL ROOM, SHAMEN, CANTON.
January 8th, 1929. (7224)

FANLING HUNT

STEEPLECHASES.

SATURDAY, 19th JANUARY.

FIRST RACE—3.00 P.M.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 3.35 p.m., stated:—

There is little change in the anticyclone since this morning. Strong monsoon will continue along the south-east coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, fine generally.

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, JANUARY 18th, 1929.

HONG KONG'S MOTOR SERVICES.

The Colony can consider itself well served in the matter of transport facilities. Kowloon's fleet of motor buses is one of the finest in China, both as regards speed, comfort, and frequency of service.

The small Ford vehicles have been replaced by the larger Thornycrofts, Leylands and Vulcans, and the two main companies vie with each other in maintaining the efficiency of their respective services. It is true that a few minor criticisms are levelled by those who are accustomed by now to an extremely good thing, desire perfection. There is, for example, the perennial wish that the two companies could come to some arrangement by which a season-ticket would be available for either a red or a yellow bus.

A large proportion of the passengers live on or very near Nathan Road with the Star Ferry as their objective. With just time to catch a ferry it is, therefore, extraordinarily exasperating for those who "look after the pennies" to see a solitary "red" bus on the horizon if one's season-ticket is for the yellow bus, and to be presented with the alternative of either waiting ten cents or a wait of ten or fifteen minutes on the Star Ferry Pier. On the other hand, such an agreement would eliminate the competition which has achieved such excellent results from the public's point of view. Moreover, most of the buses go by in convoys of about half a dozen at a time, well judged to catch the ferry in comfort.

The long intervals between the convoys are also a minor cause of grumbling, but the predominating part played by cross-harbour traffic has to be remembered when the arrangement of motor bus traffic is considered. Most of the passengers have either left or are going to the ferry. Another common grievance is that "I miss about three ferries a day because the bus takes me half-way back to Shamshuipo." But this is the fault of the whole lay-out of the Star Ferry approach. Traffic congestion and general confusion would increase and not diminish if every bus stopped and discharged its passengers opposite the entrance to the pier. In actual fact the buses, except a few stragglers, as already pointed out, meet the ferries and draw up just as the boat is coming alongside, leaving plenty of time to stroll on board at the leisurely gait suited to the climate. If any doubt is felt the station clock beams down reassuringly, and a good deal of perturbation would be avoided by memorising the fact that the ferries leave every ten minutes, from the hour, except during the five-minute service during the tiffin-hour rush, and after 8 p.m. when the boats go every quarter of an hour.

Over on the Island the Tramway Company's bus drivers are slowly learning to synchronise their arrival and departure with the ferry. Not long ago the drivers evidently aimed at quietly slipping off when they heard the gungway clatter on the pier, or, better still, just as the head of the emerging column of hurrying passengers passed the bookstall.

Now some of the drivers patiently and intelligently await the last possible fare. In addition to the town services buses are also run to outlying points such as the University, Felix Villas, Repulse Bay, and Castle Peak, and these routes will, no doubt, be developed as need arises. The ride to Castle Peak is particularly enjoyable, and can be recommended to anyone who wishes to see something of the New Territory without going to the expense of taking a private car for the afternoon. Though the steep hills and sharp bends preclude the idea of a char-a-banc service round the New Territories there is, especially during the summer season an opening for trips of an excursionist nature. Bathers in particular would appreciate being taken out to clean and safe beaches now accessible only to those who have their own cars or are able to hire one.

And there is in the Colony, with its larger garrison, an increasing number both of Europeans and Chinese who cannot run to the luxury of a private car but are willing to spend a reasonable sum for an afternoon's ride into the countryside. Small but high-powered conveyances, carrying a score of passengers, would do a brisk business practically all the year round if people could get to these points and back for two dollars instead of twenty.

Apart from the use of mechanical transport for pleasure purposes, there can be no doubt that motor traffic will play a large part in the industrial and general development of the New Territories. Experience in all parts of the world has shown that motors can give a cheap and flexible service both for passengers and freight over short distances. For long hauls and for large consignments in truck loads the railway can usually hold its own when well managed but where runs are short and loads are comparatively small, motor transport by road is much cheaper. Some recent American figures in this connection are of interest. To operate a small local train a mile costs approximately \$1.25 gold. To operate a motor-bus costs from 25 to 30 cents. The ratio is thus not far from 5 to 1.

Fuel costs, which average 23 cents a mile for the train, are but 3 cents for the bus. The number of employees needed in operation is, of course, very much less, and wages per mile are but 4 cents for the bus as compared with 38 cents for the railroad train. In a survey made by the Boston and Maine Railroad, the cost of operating a steam passenger train, without any charge for roadway or rail maintenance, was set at \$1.59 gold a mile. The cost of operating gasoline rail-cars was 72 cents a mile and motor-buses 29 cents a mile. In addition to this economy of operation, the motor-bus has the advantage of not being subjected to any overhead investment in road and rails, or restrictive regulations.

The motor habit is growing all over the world, and here in Hong Kong the need already is for new motor roads. The Public Works Department is naturally fully aware of this, and the excellent surfaces already available testify, and it will be only a question of time, when such pleasant, but at present inaccessible thoroughfares as May Road and Bowen Road will be open to motor traffic. In Hong Kong, as in other places, roads now mean not only more motor traffic but also the construction of more houses, and we have our problems in this direction which improved means of transport will help to solve.

News and Views.

The 24th annual general meeting of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. will be held in the office of Messrs. DODWELL & CO., Ltd. on Thursday, January 31st at 11 a.m.

Fourteen cases of small-pox, 3 from Victoria and 11 from Kowloon were reported on Wednesday. There was also one case of enteric. All patients were Chinese.

The tenth Netherlands India Annual Fair will be held at Bandoeng, Java, from the 22nd of June till the 7th of July. One of the more important sections will deal with minerals.

A Concert of French Modern Music organised by Mrs. Harcourt-Brown will be given at the Helena May on Thursday, January 24th at 5.30 p.m. Tables for tea must be booked by Wednesday, January 23rd.

An accident occurred at the junction of Garden Road and Queen's Road yesterday afternoon at 3 p.m. when a Chinese named Kam Fan was knocked down by Taxi-cab No. 689. He was rushed to the Government Civil Hospital with a dislocated shoulder and a fractured left thigh. He is progressing as well as can be expected.

A Chinese girl, employed at Yuk Po Restaurant, Des Vaux Road Central, reported to the Police last night that she had been assaulted by four or five members of a secret society at 11 p.m. at Hollywood Road. She had been asked to join the society but had refused. The men inflicted such injuries to her mouth, eyes and back that it was found necessary to send her to the Government Civil Hospital.

Tests have been carried out over the Baltic from Travemünde, with a giant Rohrbach flying boat, which is intended to be used for trial flights by the Luftwaffe for their projected Vigo to South America service by way of Azores.

Several summonses were heard by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy against shopkeepers who had stored fire-crackers in a place other than a glass case. Each of the defendants was fined \$10 and warned of the danger of the practice.

The Macdonna Players gave another successful performance of "The Doctor's Dilemma" before an appreciative audience last evening. They are presenting "You Never Can Tell" to-night and to-morrow evening's production will be "Man and Superman."

For stealing chickens from Whitfield barracks, a Chinese boy was sentenced yesterday to ten strokes of the cane by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy. The boy said that he was standing in the roadway when the chicken "flew into his arms and got stuck there."

Another concert is to be given by the orchestra of H.M.S. Hermes on Monday, January 21st, at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's. Those who heard the last recital will certainly want to hear another, and those who missed that opportunity should not repeat their offence. The recital next Monday will be from 7.15 to 7.35, and as before a popular programme will be arranged.

A Chinese had his leg very badly crushed yesterday morning in Queen's Road Central, when a heavy motor-bus of the Hong Kong Hotel ran into him. The man was carrying two tins on a bamboo pole, when he was knocked down, and the vehicle passed over one of his feet. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, where the leg was immediately amputated. His condition is serious.

Visiting Canton after an interval of five years, a Shanghai business-man informs us that he was greatly impressed by the changes to be seen in the city. New roads and imposing buildings have made their appearance, and everywhere there is evidence of sound and steady progress. Conversations with prominent merchants indicated that political conditions in Canton were regarded as stable, and our informant also found that business was generally good. Altogether, the Shanghai visitor was very favourably impressed by what he saw in the city, and came away convinced that Canton is rapidly going ahead.

The Late Commander B. J. Little.

Commander (E) B. J. Little, D.S.O., whose death from pneumonia was announced in yesterday's Daily Press, was on the Hong Kong Dockyard staff for a short while before being appointed Engineer Officer of the Yangtze Flotilla. He also served on the China Station before the War, when he was a sub-lieutenant. Command Little joined Osborne Naval College in 1904 and was one of the comparatively few "New Scheme Officers" to specialise in Engineering. He had an adventurous career and was for a time on the staff of General Denikin, the White Russian leader, in the Volga Valley district. A man of splendid physique, genial and kindhearted, his sudden death has been a great shock to his friends. He leaves, we understand, a widow and two young children.

"Bolshevik" Salvationists. "General" Booth having decided not to take the hint given him to retire, the "Bolsheviks" in the Salvation Army have resolved that he be gently but firmly removed from office. The decision of the High Council is another indication of the trend of the times. The Salvation Army conducts its activities under a discipline as rigid—and as unfeeling—as any military or organisation. There have been a few cases of insubordination, but they were swiftly dealt with in such a manner as to intimidate all but the very boldest from expressing or showing any dissatisfaction with the rigorous administrative methods laid down by the founder of the Army. For years there has been growing restiveness at the autocratic system under which the Salvation Army operates, and friction between the British and American headquarters has more than once threatened to bring about a serious crisis. The grave illness of the present "General"—who at one time was not expected to recover—brought up the vexed question of nomination to the supreme command. Even Salvationists realise that a system more in keeping with modern ideas of democratic administration is necessary in order to keep pace with the progress of the times, but the present "General" is one of the old school, and proudly and stubbornly refuses to bow to the inevitable. It is reported that the struggle between the old and new schools of Salvationists will be carried to the Courts. If it is, there will be some "fat" briefs distributed, for the material interests at stake are enormous, and a lively battle will be seen if the legal profession is called upon to take part in the controversy.

LOCAL BANK V

TOTAL DEADLOCK AT HANKOW.**NO MONEY TO PAY PICKETS.****CONCESSION'S SHORTAGE OF FOOD.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW, Jan. 16th.
Pickets have again made their appearance and are renewing their activities.

A very strong protest is being lodged with the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs by the Japanese Consulate regarding the assault and detention of a Japanese civilian on Tuesday. Otherwise, the situation is unchanged.

Negotiations regarding the death of the coolie, which was the immediate cause of the boycott, are proving abortive, and the Japanese Consulate is now insisting on the removal of the pickets and other annoyances before discussing a settlement.

Chinese Demands.

The Chinese Foreign Office, on the other hand, is holding out for the three demands recently made on the Japanese authorities—these being \$3,000 compensation for the death of the coolie, the punishment of the marine said to be responsible for the tragedy, and the withdrawal of Japanese marines from Hankow—before removing the boycott.

The situation, therefore, is a complete deadlock.

All Japanese premises outside the Concession have now been closed down, the Japanese occupants having gone into the Concession, with the exception of the Banks, which are carrying on with Japanese staffs only.

Li Tsung Jen's Telegram.
The Hupeh Political Council have received a lengthy telegram from Li Tsung Jen requesting details of the anti-Japanese situation, and instructing the Council to use all endeavours to bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

Chinese workers in the Japanese power station struck to-day, but the station is being worked by sailors and the light supply is maintained. It is understood that Japanese residents are suffering somewhat from lack of vegetables and fresh food, which cannot be procured locally owing to the stringency of the boycott. No incident occurred during the day but the pickets continue to function.

End In Sight?

LATER.
Hankow is much quieter and only a few pickets were in evidence during the forenoon. A heavy snow fall last night, which is still going on, accounts partly for this lack of enthusiasm. It is stated that the anti-Japanese leaders are seriously short of funds for the payment of pickets and strikers, and this together with the approach of the Chinese New Year will probably break the back of the movement.

(Wah Tse Yat Pao).**Chinese Report.**

SHANGHAI, Jan. 17th.
The situation at Hankow is growing more critical, according to the latest report to hand from Chinese sources. Repeated attempts made by Japanese marines to provoke trouble over the Concession boundaries have aggravated the situation. The Foreign Commissioner of Hankow has presented a strong protest to the Japanese Consul.

"SAVE FACE" BUSINESS.**JAPAN'S NEW FORMULA.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OSAKA, Jan. 17th.
Japanese business men are hopeful that the Japanese Minister will succeed in his mission to Nanking, but they are convinced that old-fashioned diplomacy is no good. Opining that both China and Japan must give up the "save face" business, the influential newspaper *Osaka Asahi* suggests as a formula for better relations:—
1.—The withdrawal of Japanese troops from Shantung;
2.—The dissipation of the present army;
3.—The settlement of pending unfriendly atmosphere.

YANG'S GUILT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MURKIN, Jan. 17th.
According to information from responsible quarters, the convincing evidence against Yang Yu Ting and Chang Yin Hui, proving them guilty of high treason, cannot be disclosed for fear of international complications.

A MYSTERY OF THE "TALKIES."**NEW "SOUND" STAGE BURNED DOWN.****UNKNOWN CAUSE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17th.
The newly completed \$200,000 "sound" stage in the Paramount Lasky Studio, which has just been built in connection with the new "talkies" industry, has been burned down. The cause of the fire is unknown.

ROUGH TRIP TO NEW YORK.**"MAJESTIC'S" BAD PASSAGE.****LINER COVERED IN WRECKAGE.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 16th.
The White Star liner *Majestic* arrived at New York to-day in a sorry state after one of the roughest Atlantic crossings in her history.

In the latter stages of the voyage particularly, the *Majestic* encountered mountainous seas, which swept her decks continuously, and created amazing havoc.

One member of the crew was killed and five were injured, while the ship was covered in wreckage.

An enormous steel cargo boom forward was bent almost at right angles, and even when the liner was docked, her engines were still pumping out tons of water.

A large quantity of mail matter was drenched by sea-water, while several motor-cars were damaged. It is also stated that the entire scenery of a theatrical company has been irretrievably ruined.

PIERCE BLIZZARD IN LONDON.**PEDESTRIANS DASH FOR SHELTER.****TRAFFIC DISORGANISED.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 18th.
London was visited by a blizzard early this morning.
The day had scarcely dawned when the sky grew as black as night again, and there was heavy downfall of snowflakes, whipped by a sudden wind into whirling clouds.

Vehicles were brought almost to a standstill and pedestrians, unable to struggle against the blizzard, had to take shelter.
The storm lasted only half an hour, but it left the streets covered with a thick layer of snow and created great disorganisation in traffic.

The eastern half of England generally experienced a snowstorm about the same time.

AUTHORISED FOREIGN TREATIES.**(Wah Tse Yat Pao).**

SHANGHAI, Jan. 17th.
The Nanking State Council met yesterday and resolved to instruct the Foreign Minister, Dr. C. T. Wang, to notify all nations that the Nanking Government will not recognise any treaties or agreements concluded by any Chinese local authorities with foreign nations other than those authorised by the Nanking Government.

DEMobilISATION PLANS.**(Wah Tse Yat Pao).**

SHANGHAI, Jan. 17th.
The special committee for the examination of disbandment proposals has resolved to limit the total strength of the national army to 700,000. Local defence forces will be allotted to the various provinces in accordance with their needs, and will vary from four to 10 divisions.

The Military Reorganisation and Disbandment Conference will continue in session this afternoon when it will discuss and adopt the recommendations from this special committee.

For the purpose of demobilisation it has been agreed to designate the area which each Army Group occupies as one demobilisation quarter, while Manchuria will be another one. Szechuan, Yunnan and Kwichow will be grouped as one quarter.

WOMEN JOIN DOCK RIOTS.**AUSTRALIAN DISPUTE CONTINUES.****ANOTHER OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PORT ADELAIDE, Jan. 17th.
Fifty women accompanied the mob of 800 trade unionist dockers who rushed a wharf here and attacked volunteers who were unloading a steamer. A hundred police, assisted by troopers, dispersed rioters, but in the struggle a couple of policemen, several volunteers and many dockers were hurt. This outbreak follows close on the previous one at Port Adelaide, when over a thousand dockers attacked volunteers, injuring fifty of them. They later pelted the police with stones and lumps of iron. The police then made a truncheon charge, driving the rioters from the wharf.

REVIEW OF BRITISH TRADE.**BARCLAY'S BANK MEETING.****LANCASHIRE AND FAR EAST.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 17th.
Presiding at the meeting of Barclay's Bank Mr. F. C. Goodenough in the course of a hopeful review of British trade, said that the scheme of the Lancashire cotton industry to acquire mills chiefly engaged in the Far Eastern trade for the purpose of regaining that trade would certainly receive the greatest encouragement from the banks, provided it was approved by those principally concerned.

ILLNESS OF MARSHAL FOCH.**QUEEN'S MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 17th.
Queen Mary has telegraphed her sympathy to Marshal Foch, who is lying seriously ill in Paris following a series of heart attacks. Her Majesty expressed her wishes for the Marshal's speed recovery and said the King would have sent a personal message had he been able. Marshal Foch is now 77. He had a further heart attack yesterday but recovered and was later reported to be slightly better.

RETAIL PRICES OF COMMODITIES.**THE PRE-WAR LEVEL.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 17th.
On January 1st, the average level of retail prices of commodities in Britain was approximately 67 per cent. above that of July, 1914, as compared with 68 per cent. one month ago and one year ago.

EXPERT COMMITTEE ON REPARATIONS.**AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 17th.
According to the London Press J. P. Morgan and Owen Young are expected to be invited by the Reparation Commission to serve as the American members of the Committee of experts on reparations.

U.S. RATIFIES PEACE PACT.**BRIDGEMAN'S SATISFACTION.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 17th.
Mr. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty, in a speech last night expressed great satisfaction that the American Senate had ratified the Kellogg Pact, which in his opinion was a very important step forward in the cause of peace—far more important than any elaborate tables as to the exact amount of armaments each country was to have.

KING PASSES GOOD NIGHT.**SLOW BUT SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.****QUEEN RECOVERED.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 17th.
The following bulletin was issued from Buckingham Palace at 11.30 this morning:—
The King has had a good night and his progress, though slow, is satisfactory. The next bulletin will be issued on Friday evening.
Signed STANLEY HEWITT, HUGH RIGBY, DAWSON OF PENN.

The bulletin is viewed with considerable satisfaction at the Palace as it is the first time that the doctors have described the King's progress as satisfactory.

Wednesday's Report.
At eight o'clock on Wednesday evening, it was learned officially that His Majesty had had a comfortable day and that otherwise there was no change.

The slow progress of the King is being maintained and this is regarded with satisfaction. It was authoritatively stated this morning that the King is definitely stronger to-day than he has been at any time since the illness developed seriously.

WOMAN AVIATOR'S TRIUMPH.**GREAT RECEPTION AT CROYDON.****LADY BAILEY'S MANY RECORDS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 16th.
Lady Abie Bailey landed at Croydon this afternoon in her De Havilland Moth aeroplane, thus completing a unique solo flight of 18,000 miles from London to Capetown and back. She was greeted by a large crowd which cheered the intrepid airwoman vociferously.

She had been escorted from Berck Plage in France where she had made a forced descent, owing to engine trouble, by a machine of the Air Union which had been sent specially to accompany her owing to the bad weather over the Channel.

Lady Bailey used a Moth plane for the whole journey, leaving London for Capetown on March 8th last year. She started the return flight on May 12th, flying via the Congo, Nigeria and Morocco.

She is the first pilot to use that route. She reached Paris on January 7th, and had been detained there by bad weather for a week.

Lady Bailey says she has been "just flying about" but the feat is generally acclaimed as a remarkable evidence of the progress of civil aviation.

Lady Bailey has created several new records by her flight. She is the first woman to fly to London and Capetown and back. She has made the longest flight ever accomplished by a woman, and her 18,000 miles journey is the longest solo flight by either man or woman.

In addition, she is the first woman to have flown over the Congo and the Sahara desert.

CONTINENTAL TRAIN DISASTER.**ALLEGATIONS AGAINST EXPRESS DRIVER.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Jan. 16th.
Graphic messages received from Bukharest to-day disclose the story of a serious railway disaster on the Continent. At least fourteen persons were killed, while it is stated that forty others are seriously injured, and hundreds slightly hurt. The disaster resulted from a collision between an express from Bukharest to Temesvar, and a passenger train, which has been held up at the station at Prusnita owing to the derailment of a mail van.

The express crashed into the stationary slow train, a number of coaches on both being telescoped. The horror and confusion were added to by an outbreak of fire, which greatly hampered rescue work.

It is alleged that the driver of the express train was drunk.

SALVATION ARMY DECISION.**GENERAL BOOTH DEPOSED.****DIFFICULT TIMES AHEAD.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 16th.
In the early hours of this morning, it was learned officially that the High Council of the Salvation Army had, by fifty-five votes to eight, adjudicated General Bramwell Booth unfit to continue the supreme command of the Salvation Army.

This momentous decision was reached after long and anxious discussions throughout the day. The resolution was considered from every possible angle, since many members were very reluctant to take the final step of deposing the General.

Secret Ballot.
The High Council's decision was taken by secret ballot after midnight, at the end of a session which lasted for fourteen hours.

There was a moving scene after the result was known. The members of the High Council immediately sang, with much fervour, the hymn, "When we cannot see our way." All the women and many of the men present were in tears.

Later, the members dispersed in silence, the Council being adjourned until January 18th.

Complete Vindication.

The official statement says that the result of the vote is a complete vindication of the seven commissioners who requested the calling of the High Council. Their action was absolutely unprecedented, but under the circumstances with which they were confronted they felt there was no alternative.

It is added that numerous legal and technical questions had to be dealt with both before and after the calling of the Council, and in these matters the seven commissioners had been guided by independent legal advice so as to ensure that their actions were entirely in accord with the deeds of the constitution signed by the founder and upon the terms of which the present General accepted office.

Sacred Trust.

The result of the ballot was immediately telephoned to General Booth, who is still lying seriously ill at Southwood. He states that he will resist with every means in his power this attempt to deprive him of the leadership, which he regards as a sacred trust that he cannot give up either morally or legally in view of the terms in which it was imposed upon him by his father.

The High Council resumed its sittings to-day to consider the appointment of a successor to General Booth.

Trustee Of Huge Sums.

A Salvation Army official at the hotel where Eva Booth is staying said that the General, as sole trustee of the Army, had vested in him properties in England, France and Australia to the amount of \$2,000,000 sterling. It was necessary that he execute a deed to divest himself of the trust and if he refused, it would impose on the Council the onus of initiating proceedings in the High Court.

This would be very painful, but whatever the General's attitude the Council would re-assemble on January 18th to elect a new Commander. The first candidate receiving a two-thirds majority would automatically become General, and once he was elected nothing that General Booth could do would affect his status.

OBITUARY.**SIR JOHN BRUNNER.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 16th.
The death is announced of Sir John Brunner, who succeeded his father, the first baronet, in 1910, was born in 1835. For many years he was a director of the world-famous firm of Brunner, Mond & Co., Ltd., now Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., and in 1923-24 Liberal M.P. for Southport.

ANTI-IMPERIALIST CONGRESS.**J. H. THOMAS WORSE THAN CAPITALIST.****ATTACK ON A. J. COOK.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COLOGNE, Jan. 17th.
The League of Anti-Imperialism, which met under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Maxton, has concluded its sitting. The attitude of trade unionism to the League was debated. While right wing trade unionists such as J. H. Thomas were attacked as more dangerous than the capitalists, the left wingers like A. J. Cook were attacked by the Russian and German communist delegates for associating with "traitorous" right wing organisations.

A. J. Cook defending himself said that he would remain with the Trade Union Congress and the Miners Federation, believing that the members of these bodies would eventually banish their present leaders.

Mr. S. Saklatvala urged the despatch to India of advanced trade unionists, and members of the League, not as visitors but to live there and organise the workers.

It will be remembered that a sensation was caused when the Belgian authorities recently held up Mr. Bridgeman, Mr. Maxton and Mr. Saklatvala on their way to this congress.

BALDWIN AND 'BACCY.**PREMIER EULOGISES "VIRGINIAN CURRENCY."****AMERICAN AMBASSADOR ON PROBLEMS OF DISTRUST.**

Mr. Stanley Baldwin was one of the guests of honour at the Thanksgiving Day dinner given by the American Society in London. It was said to be the largest American gathering to celebrate the day on the British side of the Atlantic, and the Society enjoyed a menu upon which roasts turkey with delectable trimmings, pumpkin pie and ice cream served with a hot sauce figured.

The American Ambassador, proposing "the day we celebrate," said they had reason to be thankful because the fundamentally friendly relations between the British and American peoples continued unimpaired.

"Difference of opinion will, of course, arise," he added. "That could not be otherwise. But I for one believe with every fibre of my being that neither people would knowingly or willingly do the other an injustice, nor permit an injustice to be done the other."

"The signing of the Pact in Paris gives us all reason for profound thankfulness, for it means that the nations, by removing war and agreeing to peaceful settlements, have at length turned their faces in the direction where national security and a durable peace may more hopefully and more certainly be sought."

The Pilgrims.

"Much, of course, remains to be done. Difficult and dangerous problems remain to be solved. But the road lies clear if we have the strength and will to follow it. I do not fear so much the problems which have a basis in reality. They can be solved if we approach them in a spirit of conciliation. I rather fear the problems which are the result of fear and suspicion and deep-seated distrust. But I am hopeful these will prove less formidable when we draw nearer to them. For there is a new spirit in the world and a new conscience, and neither will long be denied."

Mr. Baldwin followed the Ambassador in lighter vein. He said he liked to think of the little company who went out before the Pilgrim Fathers and spent a winter at the mouth of the Kennebec River. They came back home and said:—
"This climate is one in which no Englishman can ever live." It was a curious fact to remember that just about the same time as the Pilgrim Fathers went out, King James—who, he might remark for the benefit of those who had forgotten, was a Scot and not an Englishman—thought they would find gold in Virginia. To his indignation they only found tobacco. When they looked at those beginnings it was marvellous, following on through the next two centuries, to see the fortune that attended those men, their children, and those who went out to join them.

"There are some things," said Mr. Baldwin, "in which I feel my own particular thanksgiving. Let me remind you of this. If there had been no America, there would have been no tobacco. A true history of liberty in England and America. It was tobacco that planted a nation in America. Virginia was founded on tobacco."
"Virginia—Heaven bless it—is the only country in the world which has had tobacco as its currency. I have my own deep cause for joining you to-day in your thanksgiving, even today I believe the tobacco I smoke comes from Virginia."

And the pipe in which the Premier burned the tobacco was a gift from the American Embassy.

AMANULLAH IN KANDAHAR.**KING'S STANDARD HOISTED.****CAPITAL CONTROLLED BY REBELS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 16th.
The position in Afghanistan is still confused, and very little direct information is available. No immediate apprehension, however, is felt in London for the safety of the British and other foreign Legations.

Fighting appears to be continuing in Kabul between followers of Bacha Saqano and the Government troops.

Where Is Inayatullah?

So far as is known the rebels led by Bacha Sakao control the city and environs, and it is believed that fighting has temporarily ceased.

It is authoritatively learned in London that Bacha Sakao (otherwise Habibullah Khwa) controls all Kabul with the exception of the citadel, but apparently there is no disorder and all is well with the Legations. The whereabouts of Inayatullah are unknown.

It is reported that Amanullah arrived at Kandahar on January 15th and hoisted the King's standard at the Royal residence.

Deported Princess.

Four sons of the late Ayub Khan have been escorted by the police to Calcutta. It is understood that they are being deported to Burma as a precautionary measure in view of the situation in Afghanistan.

Prince Abdul Qadir Effendi, an Afghan refugee, who has been deported, has gone to Rangoon. The deportation is believed to be connected with the unrest in Afghanistan.

Prince Abdul Qadir is a brother of Sirdar Mahomed Sarwar Khan, who on the 12th instant was lodged in the European lock-up at Allahabad as a precautionary measure, and of the Afghan Prince, Omar Khan.

Telegrams in Brief.

It is definitely stated in well-informed quarters that Mr. Parker Gilbert, the Agent-General for Reparations, will not resign before the end of the forthcoming Reparations Conference, but only after the reparations question has been finally settled.

The leading newspapers in Berlin are indignantly fulminating regarding a "Naval Scandal" following the publication in the *Review of Reviews*, the well-known London journal, of a secret memorandum, in which Herr Groener, the Minister of Defence, defended the necessity for a new battle-cruiser. An investigation has been ordered into the leakage of the memorandum, which hitherto had been a Cabinet secret.

The French revenue returns for 1928 totalled 42,890,000,000 francs, showing a surplus of 3,268,000,000 on the Budget forecasts, and an increase of 2,668,000,000 francs on the total for 1927.

It is reported from Rotterdam that in going to the assistance of the Latvian steamer *Falka*, stranded off the Dutch coast, a life-boat from the *Hook of Holland* capsized, her crew of eight being drowned.

The Vatican authorities refuse to make any definite statement in regard to the reported agreement on the question of the temporal authority of the Pope. They declare, however, that no agreement has been signed, and that there have only been conversations which led to the drawing up of certain proposals.

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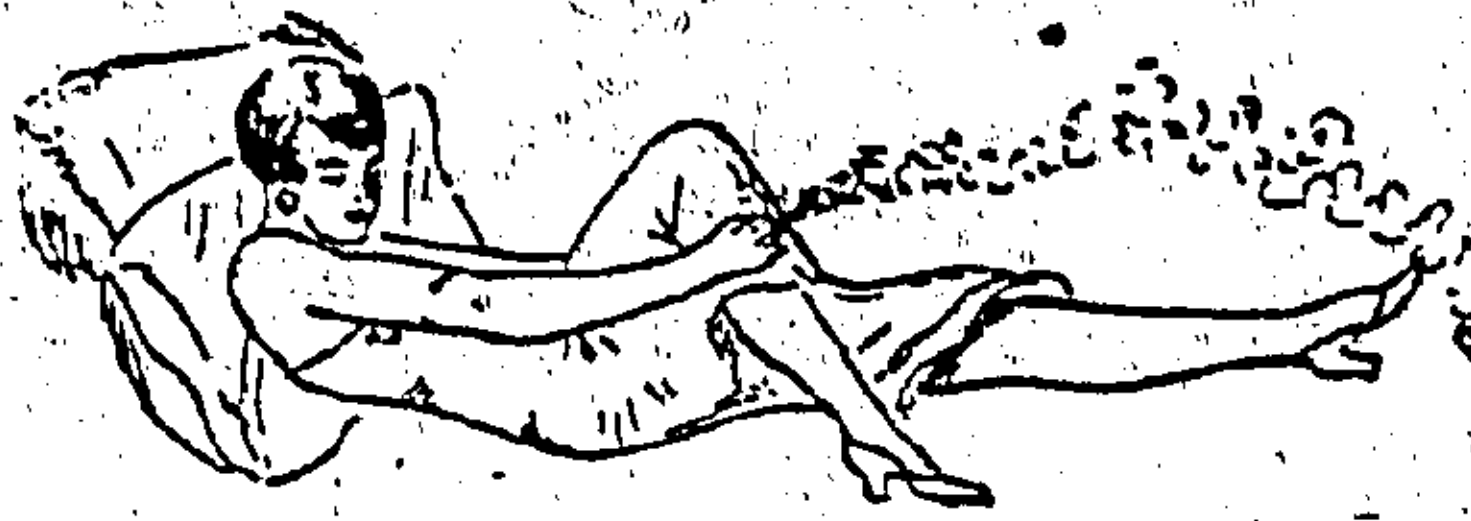
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The WOMAN'S PAGE

SALE SHOPPING. SOME HINTS WHICH WILL SAVE TIME, MONEY, AND REGRETS.

Every woman loves a sale. But by no means every woman knows how to get the best advantage from one.

The golden rule is to keep your head, which, alas, is more easily said than done, although there is a possibility of doing it if you shop with a system.

Quite the best thing to do is to make a list, but it is little use doing this while coming to town via the Peak Tram or the Star Ferry. The list should be made at home and a good deal of time devoted to the making.

Perhaps it is best to start with yourself first, however, well meaning you may be your own needs are generally the ones which whisper most earnestly in your mind. Put down first the things you need and against them the price which you would normally expect to pay for them, in this way you can at once check a "bargain price." Next put down those things which you would like to get if a good opportunity offers, against these put the outside price you are prepared to give.

After this it is a good plan to take a look through your drawers and wardrobe and add to your first list any further necessities of which you may discover yourself in want now or in the immediate future.

Exactly the same procedure should be gone through with reference to the children's things and the needs of kitchen and linen cupboard. If your husband allows you to take an interest in his clothes you might make similar lists on his behalf.

If you read the articles below you will see mentioned some of the particular bargains offered to-day at the various shops which are at present holding sales, and a careful perusal will save you from going first to the wrong shop for the particular things you want.

LANE, CRAWFORD'S.

A REAL OPPORTUNITY IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

Lane, Crawford's are holding a sale in all their many departments, which should on no account be missed. It is impossible to give you a very comprehensive survey, but I would urge you to take a walk round the store and see for yourself, especially as I do not remember that this shop has held a sale before during which so very many tempting bargains were to be had.

The furnishing department will, of course, attract all women who keep house and offers many opportunities to save money by buying necessities at a big reduction. One always benefits greatly by a sale when purchasing household linen, for example, and Lane, Crawford's stock is particularly good and attractive.

All the Canton blackwood and Oriental goods generally are much reduced.

In the children's department I found that a number of oddments

in "chilprape" garments can be got very cheaply, and also saw some charming little felt hats in several colours for about \$3.50. Woollen socks are very much reduced too, and there are some attractive little jerseys at about half price.

Upstairs in the Ladies' Department I looked first at the jumper suits which I found had been very much reduced. There are some very attractive two-piece suits, for example, with woollen jumpers and pleated crepe de chine skirts for only \$29.50. Among the evening frocks was a green beaded georgette with the skirt cut long at the back for \$30.50, and a very unusual and smart dress in deep tangerine pink georgette for only ten dollars more. Another charming little green georgette frock, with inset panels of "ten" lace, was \$35.50.

I saw, too, some very nice long coats with collars and cuffs from about \$40, and any number of desirable felt hats at prices running from \$5.

THE DOLLY VARDON HAT SHOP.

HATS AND SOME WASHING JUMPER SUITS.

The sale at the Dolly Vardon Hat Shop has already been on some time. Many of the goods offered you have run in and bought but there still remain some hats and frocks which are being offered many of them at less than half price.

Among the hats, I think the biggest choice now is of velvet, which is lucky, because we really must be going to have some cold weather these next two months, so as winter appears to be to visit Hong Kong this season. When the cold weather comes and we wrap ourselves in our big coats a little velvet hat looks very much smarter above the fur collar than a felt. The soft luxuriousness of the fabric seems more appropriate also, and brings out the gleam and richness of the fur.

Another very charming fashion, which has been introduced this season, is to wear a small hat of silver or gold tissue, which is often further ornamented with coloured stitchery with a fur coat. These hats are similar to the popular little theatre caps except that they are more formal in shape and generally have a small brim. While the theatre caps have nearly all been sold during the sale, I saw that a very nice number of the little gold and silver hats remained.

In the wardrobe are hanging still a few very attractive frocks, which are marked down considerably for the sale. There are one or two evening frocks, several beaded, and others of silk and tulle. Among the latter is one very charming black frock with a *moiré* bodice and a skirt of frills of tulle edged with *moiré*. A very striking note is given by the red brown roses at the waist and shoulder, and the price is only \$25.

There are three or four white silk jumper suits for sports wear. One of these is particularly smart. It has a finely pleated skirt of a plaid, pink and white silk, the jumper being white, with a collar and sailor tie, of the same plaid stuff. Another white suit has collar and cuffs of lemon and yellow.

The sale at the Dolly Vardon Hat Shop is one which you should visit even if you believe that you have all the hats you want—because no woman has! On the shelves there you will find half a dozen hats, of felt, velvet, or of tinsel *lamé*, that you are longing to give a kind home to, and if you are wise you will take at least a couple home with you and you can buy them both for less than you would expect to pay for one in normal times.

STUFFED PANCAKES.

Prepare the materials for pan-caking: Eggs, flour and milk, with a touch of salt. Then prepare the stuffing you think you will like best to consume. It may be a quite simple one, such as a very thick white sauce, mixed with an addition of chopped yolks of hard-boiled eggs and a touch of finely-chopped parsley. Then cook a pancake, smear over it a layer of the stuffing, roll up the cake, then brush it with beaten white of egg, and roll again, this time in very fine baked bread-crumbs. Fry gently in butter till it is a pretty gold colour. Other good stuffings are black currant jam or Oxford marmalade, cream cheese mixed with a few chopped olives, or the same kind of cheese mixed with a trifle of curry powder.

FELIX HAT SHOP.

MILLINERY, FROCKS, AND FANCY ARTICLES.

The sale at the Felix Hat Shop is going along merrily, and the goods are being still further reduced in order to clear everything out before the arrival of new stock. As this little shop has always been remarkable for good value, the sale offers a really extraordinary chance of getting a delightful hat or frock at prices it would be hard to equal anywhere, here or at home. Some of the things are being sold well below cost, this applies particularly, I believe, to the fancy articles, such as sachets, flowers, pin-cushions, etc., which remain over from the Christmas stock.

Most women are more interested in hats than in any other part of feminine apparel and they will find in this shop, a large number of very smart hats which have been all marked at \$9 irrespective of cost. Most of them were marked before the sale between \$30 and \$30.

There are a number of velvet hats trimmed with gold or silver galon or coloured chenille braiding, some of them have a swathe or under-lining of *lamé*. A hat of this description makes an exceedingly smart finish to a fur coat or one with a big fur collar. The Felix Hat Shop makes a specialty of decorative hats. On another shelf I noticed a good range of felt hats in that popular and becoming colour, madonna blue. This particular tone of blue looks very smart with either navy or black. There is also a good range of felt hats in darkish browns, and a number of newly arrived white felts for tennis which are included in the sale.

The Frocks.

Among the frocks I chose out several for description which are typical bargains, not extraordinary ones.

A jumper suit in rose pink has a pleated silk skirt and a knitted jumper of thin wool. The jumper is woven with merged stripes of pink and beige, with a line of silver tinsel introduced. The price is now \$29.

A claret coloured evening dress is made of silk *lamé* and has a pretty swathing of georgette set in round the waist. The dress has long sleeves ending in deep cuffs of the georgette. This was marked, I believe, at \$45.

I saw several other frocks, at about the same price, which would be suitable either for evening wear (Continued on next column).

MOULDED CURLS.



Paris considers this coiffure essential to a correct ensemble when a stiff tulle dress is worn. The curls are moulded with the fingers when damp, combed out and rearranged when dry.

or for a *thé dansant*. One of these is a jumper suit of pale blue *crêpe de chine*. The skirt is set in groups of knife pleats, while the jumper has horizontal stripes of satin which are woven into the material. The jumper is further trimmed with bands of the shiny part of the material and small buttons. Another charming silk jumper is in pinky beige *crêpe de chine*, the front of the jumper being heavily embroidered with roses in various close tones of silk.

A light and pretty tea dance dress is carried out in pea green georgette, with a full tiered skirt and a jewelled buckle at the front of the waist.

Cleverly Designed Dress.

Especially designed to help a full short figure is a very graceful dress of black *crêpe de chine* over a good silk foundation. The bodice is cut with a deep cross over which fastens on the left hip, and is softened by a pleated frill. A vest of tucked pink *crêpe de chine* appears above the cross over. The skirt has a finely kilted front panel which has the effect of lessening the width of a full figure.

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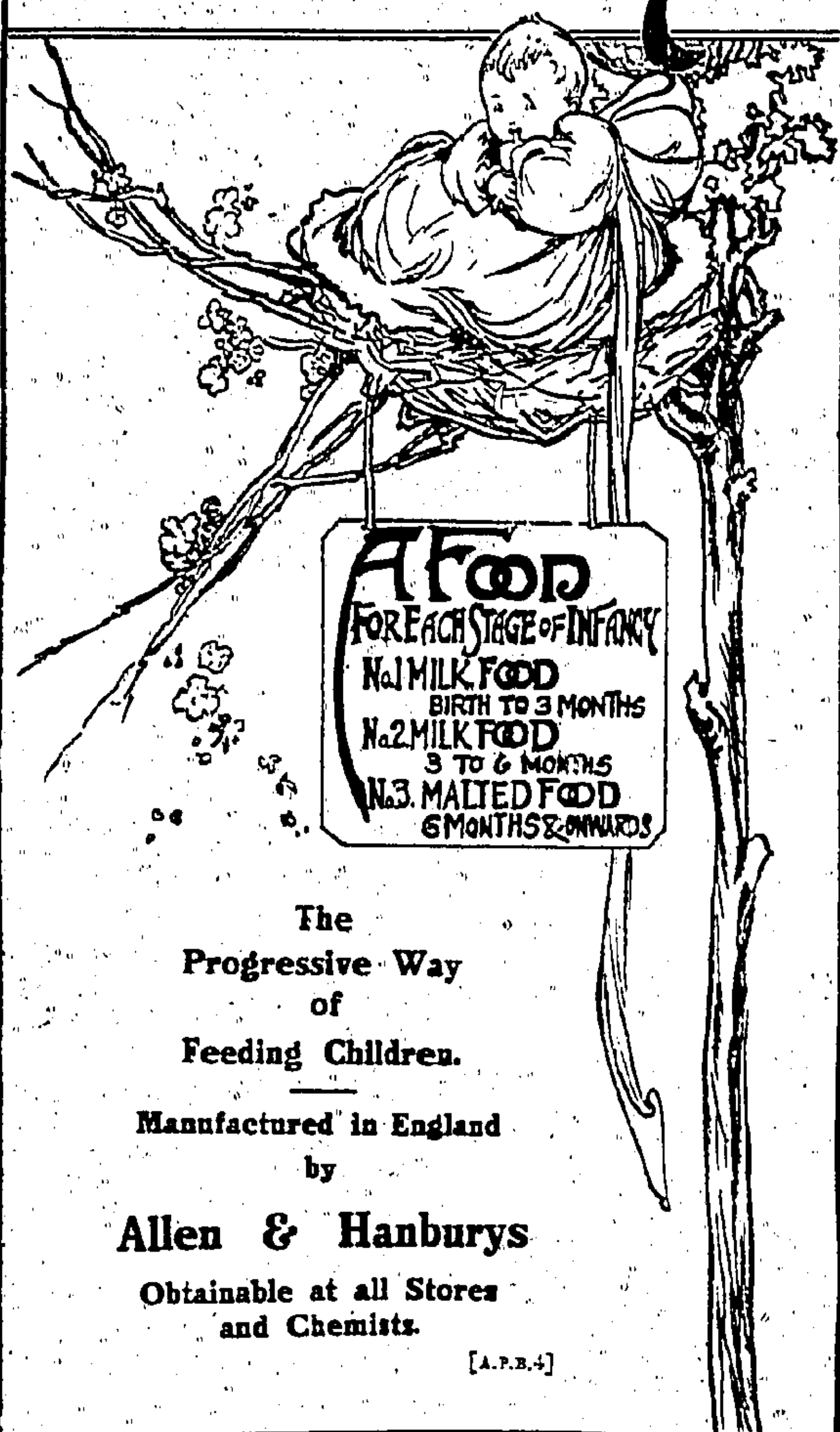
PEARL AND METAL TRINKETS.

The very latest necklaces, which can be worn with sports or town clothes, are composed of wide rings of seed pearls and oxidised silver. Each ring is worked to give the impression of a group of narrow circles, and these groups are linked together alternately to form original trinkets which can be worn as "chokers," long necklaces, or bracelets.

SMOKED PEARL NECKLACES.

Smoked pearl in the popular flat, lozenge shape makes attractive necklaces which look particularly well when worn with the pearl grey or pale green ensembles usually chosen to accompany a grey squirrel coat. Bracelets and brooches for hats are also made in this material.

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PAMELA.

SOME EXQUISITE THINGS
AT SALE PRICES.

A sale at a shop like Pamela is not only a great opportunity but a great privilege. For the woman who is blessed with a deep purse it means, perhaps, not so much as to her sister whose expenditure must be bounded by her circumstances, but in every woman's heart is the love of a bargain, and I suppose that no woman, however wealthy has quite all the garments she would like. But in calling this sale a privilege, I am thinking not so much of these spoilt darlings of fortune, as of the average woman who plans her wardrobe according to her purse and to whom a sale means an extra garment or so which she would not otherwise have afforded. It is in particular a privilege to the woman who cannot afford more than one or two really expensive dresses in the year for it offers her an opportunity of adding a couple more at much the same cost as far less well cut garments which are not the product of the big designers.

A 20 per cent. reduction, such as is in force during this sale on all goods, makes a very appreciable difference to the cost, and there are a good many things which are reduced even more.

For example, I saw about half a dozen really exquisite evening cloaks which were all marked last week at between two and three hundred dollars. In order to clear them they are now being offered at about \$90. There is one in a wonderful jade green panne velvet with a roll collar, which is lined with the same coloured georgette bordered with gold and silver braid. This, by the way, only costs \$85.50. Another exquisite cloak is of soft moss green panne velvet doubled with silver lame, and yet a third is in supple blue and silver lame lined with blue panne.

Among the afternoon frocks I noticed a beautifully cut gown of moss green satin with a big handkerchief collar of pale pink nylon, marked at \$98. A very smart beige satin dress which has a bow with long ends, tied on the right shoulder and a similar sash is \$10 more, and would be a most useful dress for the races or smart afternoon wear.

A couple of black maroon coats cut in the latest style were respectively \$49 and \$59.

Some very lovely flowered nylon dresses for semi-evening or smart day wear have been marked down to about \$45, while the simpler evening dresses are now round about \$50.

Just one thing more—hats. All hats are reduced by 25 per cent., and I hear that towards the end of the sale a number of straw models will be included.

GIFTS FROM THE EAST.

THE NEW BRANCH OF THE PIONEER.

One of the most interesting events of the week, as far as we are concerned, was the opening on Wednesday of the branch of the Pioneer Silk Store in the Peninsula Hotel.

It makes a most delightful little shop, more spacious and lighter than that in Queen's Road, and all new stock has been purchased for the new branch.

"I saw a great variety of printed and patterned silks in really lovely designs and colourings and a big collection of shawls, haori coats and kimono. Among the shawls was one which, I thought, quite the most exquisite specimen I have seen. It is of the middle size, white, worked closely with a flower pattern in the finest Pekin stitch. The colourings of the pattern are very soft pastel shades of pink, blue, green, etc., and the craftsmanship and drawing if I may say that term of design and the thousands of little blossoms are perfect.

Yet another new form of Haori coat was shown for the first time on Wednesday. They are of georgette printed in similar patterns to those of the ordinary Haori coat, and the garment is unlined. These coats would be charming for evening wear over a thin frock for the dancette. One I saw was in a pale pink with a flowery landscape design in deeper pink and pale dull mauve.

In the Hong Kong branch I was shown a new line of Kayser silk stockings, with the slipper heel, No. 88 which can be had in about 30 different shades. These include "Chateau" which is a honey beige; "Mars" a deep bois de rose; "Hoggar" pinky beige; "Cherry" rose pink; and various gunmetal shades.

In the Peninsula Branch I saw the four latest colours in another new Kayser line No. 157, of which there are only 33 pairs to be had, as they are something very special.

Over in Kowloon, too, I was interested in the show case of ivory jade and amber, both real and imitation—and saw some delightful little white georgette fans mounted on sandal wood. The georgette is embroidered in coloured silks in flower designs.

One thing which interested me particularly about the Peninsula Branch, and I am sure it will interest you as well, is that all the goods there are cheaper, by about 10 per cent., than those in the Hong Kong Branch. So that if you live in Kowloon you not only save your ferry fare but get your silks more cheaply, whereas if you live on the Island you will have a good inducement to make the voyage to see this very charming new shop.

WOMAN'S PAGE

WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW.

Whiteaway, Laidlaw's sale offers an opportunity to get all sorts of necessities for the house and family at a very low price. Every thing is reduced and a great many really amazing bargains are offered in every department.

For The House.

Upstairs in the furnishing department I noticed the following:—

Some really very handsome art silk bedspreads have just arrived. They resemble somewhat the ordinary white cotton Marcella bedspread in weave, but being of silk look particularly rich and good, and are to be obtained in many lovely and unusual shades. During the sale they are very reasonably priced.

Cretones.

Really wonderful bargains are to be got in cretanne. There are a number of Liberty single width cretannes which have been reduced from \$3.50 to \$1.50. One of these is a very handsome design of big, deep purple, flowers and parrots on a grey blue ground; another which is very decorative and beautiful in colour, has a design of a flowering tree and orange cockatoos on a leaf green ground. A great many other cretannes are now marked at \$1 a yard, which would be very suitable for bedroom and nursery curtains or chair covers. These thin cretannes which generally have a small all over pattern in light colours, make very attractive overalls and rompers for children.

A big pile of travelling rugs are all very much reduced. Some of

these are in a lovely soft wool and have plaid designs in a particularly good range of soft colourings. During the sale they cost \$39.50.

China And Glass.

A set of five white earthen ware pie dishes in assorted sizes can be got for \$2.50, and there are a large number of other bargains in glass and china ware generally. I noticed that sets of children's china had just arrived, cup and saucer, porringer, meat and pudding plate, all decorated with teddy bears, Felix and other nursery favourites. For children, too, are very well made "Child Walkers" which are designed mainly for the crawling or toddling baby. They are made of blue painted enamel and are rather like a lobster pot in appearance except for the little wooden seat which is slung on straps. Every part which can touch the child's body is protected by rubber, and the "Walker" runs on small rubber tyred wheels. A folding handle is provided by means of which the mother or ayah can move the "Walker" about without disturbing the baby.

Cushions.

Specially prepared for the sale are any number of cushions, some covered with cretanne and others with art silk in various different shapes and styles; they run from about \$1 for some of the cretannes covered ones. Every housewife should take the opportunity of a sale to replenish her linen cupboard, and there are a good many excellent bargain lines to be had now at Whiteaway, Laidlaw's.

ALL SORTS OF THINGS FOR THE HOUSE AND FAMILY.

For Men.

In the men's wear department I found a big pile of woollen pull-overs in all sorts of colours, they run from \$3.85, and all of them have been very substantially reduced. Many of the designs are very pretty indeed and girls with the modern slender figure will find a great many of them to their taste especially now that they can be had so cheaply.

There are a few really gorgeous art silk dressing gowns left, which are now marked \$91.50. Colour print cotton skirts with two matching collars can be had for \$4, socks of all descriptions from \$1, and an excellent line of golf stockings from \$1.50.

For The Little People.

For the youngsters, there are all sorts of things offered at bargain prices. Boxes of crackers at 50 cents a box and the residue of the Christmas toys all going at a 25 per cent. reduction.

What will interest their mother's more, perhaps, are trays of woollen socks, many of them at half price; knitted woollen sets of hat, knicker, and frock in several colours for \$8.50 to \$10.50; coats, shoes and jerseys at much reduced prices.

Materials.

All woollen dress goods are reduced and there are some very nice Viyellas, crepella, and thin serges, which are admirable for spring wear for ladies or children. Ladies' felts hats are marked from \$2.95 to \$11.50, while a very nice line of printed crepe de chine scarves is marked from \$2.25 to \$4.75.

DECORATIVE QUILL.



A long feather which goes nearly twice round the crown and droops down to the shoulder is the only trimming of this graceful hat. Note the trim is cut away square at the back of the neck.

EVE.

Eve's sale has already been on for a week or more, but new goods have arrived which have been included in the sale, so that there is still a large choice of very attractive bargain for the woman who loves pretty things and has not unlimited means of gratifying her tastes.

Among the new things I noticed some delightful flowers made of chenille for day time wear. They are in the shape of chrysanthemums and the chenille which is shaded slightly falls naturally like the circled petals of the flowers. I saw them in several colours and liked particularly those in the tones which remind you of the natural flower.

Another pretty accessory is an evening belt made of sequins and beads on a net foundation, and fastened with a gold or silver buckle. The sequins are, either gold or silver and a narrow line of red, green, or yellow beads is introduced. These belts would be very smart on a black afternoon or evening dress.

A pretty novelty for the button hole of a tailor made or sports

FROCKS, FLOWERS, AND HATS.

suit to be worn instead of a flower is a couple of gay little feathers mounted on a silver pin with a screw-on protector over the point.

There are a large number of felt hats in all colours, which are priced very low indeed during the sale. One original sports hat is made of black felt sewn over with lozenges of brown leather and bound with the same.

The woman with long hair will find that there are a number of smart hats in big head sizes.

Among the dresses are many very attractive evening frocks which run during the sale from \$25, and afternoon frocks, some of which are marked as low as \$15. All these dresses come either from England or France, and have arrived during the last six or seven weeks, many of them much more recently. They are of the latest cut and are made of reliable materials, many of the afternoon dresses being of rayon a material which is having a big vogue in France just now.

There are also a few nice woollen jumper suits, both two- and three-piece, of which the cost is remarkably low now.

AU PETIT LOUVRE.

SOME LOVELY FROCKS AND A SALE.

The ten days sale Au Petit Louvre started on Wednesday. A very special attraction is a 20 per cent. reduction on all evening gowns, and, of course, all the stock is offered at special sale prices.

Au Petit Louvre is above all a shop for the woman who is an expert in the art of dress. Their frocks come mainly from a well-known London and Paris house—Maison Brand—a few are from other firms with an international reputation. A small stock only is carried at any time and the dresses, which are now in the sale, have all been imported within the last month and very delightful they are.

Looking through the wardrobes I made notes of the following:—

An evening frock of powder blue nylon. A semi-picture frock this with a fitting bodice and full long skirt set with tiny frills, each edged with silver thread. The frills run up towards the centre line of the bodice, and an unusual note is struck by a large pink feather flower which is placed just in front of the waist to give emphasis to the line of the dress.

Shell pink georgette is embroidered in a flower design with pearl and diamond beads, an unusual feature being the very definite lines of the decoration at a time when most headed frocks shown an "all-over" design.

For the afternoon I chose a black georgette frock. Round the hips an interesting semi-bolero effect is got by means of several short tiers faced with beige. These tiers like the frills of the blue evening frock run up to the centre line. The neck is finished with a bow with very long ends, also edged with beige. The bodice is slightly pouched at the back.

This is one of those kindly models designed for those of us on whom diet and exercise do not have as slenderising an effect as wished. Both the pouched back and the bolero line round the hips are very slimming.

Some very charming jumper suits of the smart afternoon variety next claimed my attention. One of these which comes from "Pillet" is in pale Air Force blue. The pleated skirt is of silk the jumper, woven in a honey comb pattern, is of one of the new trims in a mixture of silk and wool.

Another interesting material, in effect like a very fine silk sponge cloth, is used for a pinky beige jumper suit. The jumper is bordered for about eight inches with narrow lines of beetroot purple, similar lines on the sleeves reach to exactly the same height above the cuff when the arms are loosely by the sides. A narrow hem of rather wider stripes borders the pleated skirt.

Warm and pretty is a three-piece jumper suit in deep rose pink Kaasha cloth with a woven border in dull purple.

ARTFUL DISARRAY.



This effect is got by combing upwards and then allowing the hair to fall as it likes. Of course the hair must be perfectly cut and kept in perfect condition if this untidy style is to be a success.

WOOL EMBROIDERED BAG.

Natural coloured varnished wood with a simple knob fastening, is the newest mount for handbags of canvas and wool-work, designed for morning use. The canvas makes a strong and durable background for embroidery in pasted-coloured wools; giving a shaded effect. A simple darning stitch is used.

"THE ENEMY" AT THE QUEEN'S.

"THE GLORY OF WAR!"

LILLIAN GISH SHOWS THE REVERSE OF THE MEDAL.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"The Enemy" is exceptionally good as a film, and as anti-war propaganda it is perhaps the most telling picture yet produced.

There is probably no better method of showing up the reverse side of the medal struck "To the Glory of War," than a truthful and artistic cinema picture. The real tragedies of war, which were lost sight of between the communiques of victories and the casualty lists, can be made to live again and to loom far larger than the heroic deeds of the battle field. The enemy is the tragedy less of the soldier than of the starved, hysterical population.

The scene of "The Enemy" is laid in Austria. The story opens just before the war with the engagement of Pauli (Lillian Gish) and Carl (Ralph Forbes) war is declared, and Carl is called to the colours on his wedding night. The various misfortunes which happen subsequently to Pauli are not all of them inevitable under the circumstances, but they are none of them incredible. Bad as these things are, however, they are only subsidiary to the real tragedy—that homes are broken and human happiness wrecked, on the altar of a war that benefits no one but the armament firms and some unscrupulous profiteers.

The theme of "The Enemy" is that war is thrust upon people who have no desire to fight, that desire being inculcated by example and by propaganda after war has been decided upon by the powers that be.

Very clever use indeed is made of an old device, which was first used, I believe, in "The Big Parade," of showing the marching feet of soldiers. These marching feet play the part of the Greek chorus, suggesting again and again the story of Pauli and Carl and to emphasising the hopeless, inevitable march of their tragedy. The whole picture has been told extraordinarily well, and clever use made of unusual angles of photography.

Lillian Gish has, as Pauli, a part which is suited to her in every way. It is in many respects a familiar rôle since she seems destined always to play the deserted child wife, and for that very reason perhaps she makes it amazingly pathetic. Ralph Forbes is good as Carl and has been made up to look a typically pleasant young Austrian.

No fault can be found anywhere with the cast which has been carefully chosen with regard to type even down to the most insignificant "extra."

"The Enemy" is a film which should not be missed as it is far above the average in every way. It is a long film and is not prefaced by a short comedy.

REPLAYS IN F.A. CUP.

HOME TEAMS SUCCESSFUL.

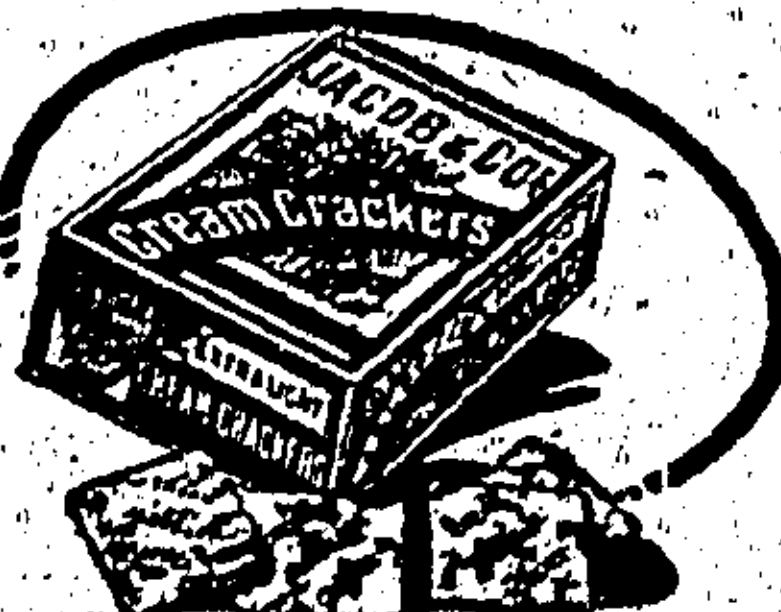
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	LONDON, Jan. 6th.	
Bournemouth	2	Accrington 0
Bradford	3	Hull City 1
Palace	7	Luton 0
Leeds Un.	6	Exeter C. 1
West Brom.	2	Grimaby 0

THE SIM'S CUP.

NAVY TEAM AGAINST ARMY TO-DAY.

The following has been selected to represent the Navy versus the Army in Sim Shield Hockey Match at U.S.R.C., 4.30 p.m. to-day:—Goal, Lieutenant Taylor; Backs, Lieut.-Comdr. Brown, Surg. Lieut.-Comdr. Phillips (Capt.); Halves, Lieut. John, Sub-Lieut. Freer, Pay-Lieut. Waters; Forwards, Lt.-Comdr. Manders, Squadron Leader Keeble, Lieut. Phillips, R.M., Lieut. Hale, Lieut. Atkinson.



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HOME FOOTBALL.

SCOTTISH CUP AND LEAGUE MATCHES.

TO-MORROW'S PROGRAMME.

English League teams are engaged in a full programme of football matches to-morrow. The Scottish teams will play the first round of the Scottish Cup competition in which there are 35 matches, but one was decided last Saturday, Murrayfield Amateurs eliminating Thornhill from the competition. The fixtures are as under:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.	
Arsenal	v. Portsmouth
Aston Villa	v. West Ham
Blackburn	v. Bolton
Bury	v. Newcastle
Cardiff	v. Derby
Everton	v. Birmingham
Huddersfield	v. Manchester C.
Leicester	v. Liverpool
Manchester U.	v. Leeds U.
Sheffield U.	v. Burnley
Sunderland	v. Wednesday
Division II.	
Blackpool	v. Barnsley
Bradford	v. Notts For.
Grimaby	v. West Brom.
Middlesbro'	v. Chelsea
Millwall	v. Port. Vale
Notts C.	v. Hull
Oldham	v. Preston
Southampton	v. Reading
Stoke	v. Clapton
Swansea	v. Bristol C.
Wolves	v. Tottenham
Division III. (Southern).	
Brighton	v. Northampton
Bristol R.	v. Gillingham
Exeter	v. Coventry
Fulham	v. Bournemouth
Merthyr	v. Brentford
Newport	v. Crystal Pal.
Norwich	v. Charlton
Queen's Park	v. Plymouth
Southend	v. Luton
Walsall	v. Swindon
Watford	v. Torquay
Division III. (Northern).	
Ashington	v. New Brighton
Barrow	v. Chesterfield
Carlisle	v. Darlington
Crewe	v. Bradford C.
Doncaster	v. Wrexham
Nelson	v. Southport
Rotherham	v. Hartlepoons.
South Shields	v. Rochdale
Stockport	v. Halifax
Tranmere	v. Lincoln
Wigan	v. Accrington

SCOTTISH CUP.

First Round.

Queen of South	Inverness Cal.
Civil Service S.	Fraserburgh
Berwick Rang.	Ayr United
Nithsdale	St. Mirren
Wand.	Arthurlie
Celtic	Partick T.
East Fife	Bathgate
St. Andrews	Galston
Univ.	Airdrieonians
Albion Rovers	Beaconsfield
Beaconsfield	Third Lanark
Mothershead	Celtic
Buckie Thia	Queen's Park
Kilmarnock	Glasgow Univ.
Dumfries	Morton
Dunfermline	Inverness
St. Bernard's	Cowdenbeath
Armadale	Falkirk
Bo'ness	Moor Park
Rangers	Newton
Alton	Edinburg
Dundee	City
Hamilton	East Stirling
Hibernians	King's Park
Dundalk	Forfar
Barnam	St. Johnstone
Bredalbane	Clackmannan
Arbroath	Brechin City
Beith	Inverness
Huntly	Thistle
Aberdeen	Raith Rovers
Clyde	Stenhousemuir
	Solway Star
	Montrose

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON v. RECREIO.

The following will represent the Kowloon XI v. Recreio on Kowloon Football Club ground on Saturday, kick-off at 4 p.m.:—Angus; Robson; Pile; Hedley; Easterbrook; Downan; Clemo; McKelvie; Spary; Miles; Baldwin. Reserve: Davies.

KOWLOON 2nd XI v. ST. JOSEPH'S.

The following will represent the Kowloon 2nd XI v. St. Joseph's on St. Joseph's ground on Saturday, kick-off at 2.30 p.m.:—A. N. Other; Moore; Eastman; Seddon; Campbell; Dunnott; Hannan; King; Moss; Morgan; Blacklock. Reserves: Waddington, White.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB v. H.M.S. CORNWALL.

A match between the Club and H.M.S. Cornwall has been arranged for to-morrow, Saturday, at 4.30 p.m. The game should be of special interest in view of the fact that H.M.S. Cornwall have beaten Shanghai.

The Club side will be chosen from the following:—R. V. Grier; E. Goldman; H. V. Koop; G. A. L. Turner; M. D. Scott; and G. E. R. Bennett; J. I. Bonnar; and V. W. L. Stanger; W. F. Akehurst; P. L. P. Thomas; W. Leckie; E. K. West; R. P. Mould; B. P. Massey; W. Beveridge; and W. Lithgow Smith. Reserve: S. J. Fox. Referee: H. L. Ewin.

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CRICKET NOTES.

FORM AT PRESENT.

We are now rather in the doldrums of cricket. We stand midway between the big matches of the end of last year, and the United Services match at the China New Year. The League has not progressed sufficiently far to make speculation on the probable result either safe or interesting. So—"what can poor Rabbit do then, poor thing?" It has occurred to me that the season has gone on long enough to enable us to form a very good idea of contemporary form and I have amused myself by selecting an Interport eleven to play—say at China New Year. The rules of selection for the real Interport games appertain, and I may add that, though I have discussed the matter with many useful cricketers, I have sedulously avoided those who are almost sure to be on a Selection Committee. I might also add that the matter is treated entirely in an academic spirit, and if anyone thinks his abilities have received less than his due reward, he can either hug to himself the consolation that Mr. R. Abbit anyway knows nothing of the game; or, if he has the nerve, he can write in and point out where I am wrong!

My first step was to divide candidates into (a) reasonable certainties, (b) probabilities, and (c) possibilities. I find, on consulting with others, that the division comes out almost identically for (a) and (b); that is—Certainties: Pearce, Bruce, Dobbie, Hayward, Owen Hughes, Quick, and Wales. Probabilities: Hancock, Wyatt, Sayer, and Christian. Possibilities: W. C. Hung, Bowker, Jex, Ramsay, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, Goodwin, Lightfoot, Mitchell, Musson, Bonnar, Parker, Thorp, A. H. Madar, and A. R. Minu.

My own selection would be Pearce, Bruce, Quick, Dobbie, Hayward, Owen Hughes, Wales, Wyatt, Christian, W. C. Hung and R. Hancock (Captain). If Hancock cannot play, then Sayer as cover-point. It is with great misgiving that I leave out Sayer but he has not made runs recently against "big" bowling, though he is still our best cover point. If Hancock is not fit for a two-day match, I think Sayer should go in. Pearce, I think, must keep wicket. Otherwise Jex comes in, but this brings in a bad bat, and swaps a very fair wicket-keeper for a field not so good as he was. For the rest, there are four good bowlers and four change bowlers; plenty of batting, and good fielding. The selection of W. C. Hung may be a surprise. But he is as fast, for four overs, as anyone in the Colony, a very useful bat, and an extraordinarily quick and prehensile field.

From those I have left out it is clear I am going on present form, and quite a useful eleven to meet the one I have picked would be chosen from: Hancock (or Sayer), Bowker, Ramsay, E. F. Fincher, E. C. Fincher, Jex, Goodwin, Lightfoot, A. H. Madar, Parker, E. C. Fincher, Bonnar, A. R. Minu, Musson, Mitchell, and Thorp. On present form the last two and probably Bowker would stand down. Any of the others would do. I have not included Evers in this list as I am not sure if his knee is sound enough for two-day cricket. If so, his claims would have to be considered.

I trust my readers will realize that this is in no way intended to be dogmatic, but simply as propounding an interesting question for their own personal consideration. The one point that does seem to me to emerge is that it will be a pretty sticky job being on the Selection Committee next October, if, as I suppose, Shanghai will be coming down here in November.

Umpiring.

The more I see of umpiring out here, the more I am surprised at its weakness. It is indeed a thankless job, and people are very good about taking it on. But few seem to know the rules well. And it is surprising how many men stand off the line of the sticks. You cannot give an l.b.w. decision from there. If you are in the bowler's way near the sticks, the remedy is to go further back, on the direct line. When umpiring to Wales, who runs across from leg, one has to stand at least five or even eight yards back. And in doubtful cases, if the square leg umpire can have seen what happened, he should be asked.

First Division Of The League.

The Navy were sadly weak in bowling in their League game against Kowloon, chiefly owing to the fact that Comdr. Baker was away from the team. Bruce played a very pretty knock, I hear, and Ramsay and Oliver did well, and scoring ruled pretty quick. The Navy did not do so badly with the bat as Simms, Watch, and Waters all got runs for them, but they could not get within fifty runs of their opponents. E. F. Fincher, next to

Goodwin, did best, with the ball for Kowloon, though, as usual, he only went on fourth change. Bruce I fancy is still handicapped by his arm. If not, I cannot make out why he does not bowl more. Goodwin with nine maidens out of fourteen and a half overs did well—and got three wickets for fourteen.

Sayer played one of his best innings for a long time down at the Valley. True, he might have been caught three times—twice certainly any way—but he was playing his shots beautifully and hitting the ball tremendously hard. Wood after two lives off successive balls in the deep, ran up 50 quite quickly before he was stumped. The catching of the I.R.C. was thorough, but bad, though in my opinion their ground fielding was excellent. There were a few mistakes, but it was clean and quick as a rule. Unless I am much mistaken, they many of them wear rubber soles, and on the present hard and slippery turf, spikes alone will give one a real foothold for fielding—or for bowling too. It may look on paper as if de Rome had delayed too long, but actually at one period it looked as if he had not waited long enough. After a bad start A. R. Minu came in and hit magnificently, timing the ball perfectly. A. H. Madar played a very pretty knock—after being as nearly bowled in his first over as any man can be. It looked as if they would get the runs as all the Civil Service bowlers (except Baker) who did not go on till 110 was up quite lost their length. However, a good ball caught Madar at cover, and if a snap catch had been taken at silly mid off the last ball of the game, C.S.C.C. would have won. Baker went on far too late, and Kelly and Hamilton both had one if not two overs too many at first. Kelly can't bowl to a left hander and he ought not to be allowed to try. He can bowl well, but to my mind he has rather a patch and should practice a bit more and not try to bowl too fast.

The C.S.C.C. catching was not up to the mark and altogether they did not deserve to win. It was a most pleasant and sporting game.

The Club ought to have got the Craigengower tail out a lot cheaper. I have no information about the time of the end of the innings, but with only 169 to get, I am rather surprised the Club did not manage it. They had a tremendous batting side. Congratulations to R. H. B. Hancock on bowling again!

Second Division.

The Club second continue on their triumphant course but they had not very much to write home about last Saturday. Divett and Armstrong pulled them out of things. Fritz bowled well for the losers; he seems quite impartial whether he plays for the first or second. I gather however that, like a lot of us, he doesn't see them as quick as he used to and is in the second, but has to go up as reserve for the first sometimes. This, of course, is unavoidable in a Club which runs two teams.

The Police and K.C.C. second did not manage to collect a hundred runs between them but I am unaware as to whether I should acclaim the excellence of the bowling or deplore the weakness of the batting. A shade of both, I expect.

The R.A.S.C. beat the Electric by rather a narrow margin. I regret I have not been able to see Fry bowling as yet. He is taking quite a lot of wickets in the Second Division and might be a useful acquisition for the Army side. The Electric have had a bad patch but though their results are not very good they nearly always put up a good fight.

The League Table.

Kowloon are at the top for a brief period—but I don't think they will stop there very long. But only the Club and the University can discuss matters seriously with them, unless the Gunners steady down a bit. But, as Wright seems out of form just now, the R.A. are pretty near a two man team; and one of them plays Soccer sometimes!

The R.E. in the Junior Division creep closer and closer to the Indians. They are only four points behind with two matches in hand. The Club second are seven points behind with three matches in hand and therefore theoretically are on the same mark—but with a game extra to win. There are twelve matches in all to be played by each team so there is plenty of interest going still.

Centurions.

I am inclined to think that it is a long time since four centuries were scored on one Saturday. I recollect several occasions of two and I believe one when three were made. Will any of my readers favour me with any information they may possess on the point?

R. ABBIT.

H.K.C.C. 2ND XI. v. R.A.S.C.

The following will represent the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI. against the R.A.S.C. on Saturday on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground at 2 p.m.:—A. H. Gillingham (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, W. B. Cornaby, T. L. Christie, G. E. R. Divett, R. N. Dowler, E. R. Duckitt, L. A. R. Duncan, J. E. Hancock, J. A. Summers, W. K. Tait.

BRILLIANT BILLIARDS EXHIBITION.

MR. FAULKNER'S FANCY STROKES.

A BREAK OF 177.

Billiard enthusiasts in the Colony were treated to a capital display of really fancy strokes last night at the South China Athletic Association, when Mr. Claude Faulkner played an exhibition match.

Against Mr. P. S. Leung in a game of 800 up, Mr. Faulkner successfully demonstrated the various ways in which the balls could be got close together, until it only needed a slight push of the cue to pile up a break of over a century. His nursery cannons were astonishingly skilful.

Another pleasing feature of the play was the way in which Mr. Faulkner got his points from long range cannons, taking five cushions to score them. Playing the red alone, he was able to make a break of 52. He also brought of many an in-off from most difficult angles. The game started rather slowly, his first break was a 30. It did not, however, take him long to get warmed up and after a few minutes play, he made a break of 73. This was followed after a short lapse by another break of 44. He then passed his 500 mark. Leung had in the meantime made a break of 33 and another of 45. When the score stood at 239, Leung had 113. With two more breaks, one of 38 and another of 53, Faulkner brought the score up to 342 against his opponent's 115.

Two small breaks followed and the score went up to 443 against Leung's 201. The Chinese player had in the meantime found his cue and registered a break of 31 and another of 44, and of the latter, 20 were obtained from nursery cannons.

Faulkner's cue was by then "heated up," and he began to have absolute control of the balls. He exacted the strictest obedience from them with the lightest touch of the cue. Playing at long range, he soon brought the balls into position at the end of the table, when he made his biggest score of the evening—a break of 177—of which, 124 were obtained through nursing. Leung was of course outclassed, but though defeated by a wide margin of 593 to 234, he was not by any means disgraced, seeing that he had in Mr. Faulkner one of the leading professional players as his opponent.

A Snooker Game.

The visitor then played Mr. Alfred Lee in a game of snooker, in which he placed the balls at will and generally making it difficult, in fact almost impossible, for Mr. Lee to score. He played with an exact science and ricocheted his ball in a manner that always placed his opponent in a *cul de sac*. He won the game with ease, the score being 123 to 20.

Fancy Strokes.

Mr. Faulkner then gave an exhibition of fancy strokes, which were loudly applauded. Shooting off one ball after the other, he scored a cannon whilst the balls were in motion. He also demonstrated how an in-off could be obtained by steep-chasing. This was done by screwing his cue downwards making his own ball to jump over the white one and entering into the pocket.

Another fancy stroke of his was a cannon obtained by looping the loop, and there was yet another most difficult cannon which he got by making the ball travel crab-fashion.

Mr. Faulkner is giving a free cue exhibition game on Sunday.—C.L.C.

THE DAVIS CUP.

Twenty Nations Enter. [BY LONGSHOREMAN.] PARIS, Jan. 17th. Twenty nations including Denmark and South Africa, both of which have entered the European zone, have now entered for the Davis Cup.

MISS HELEN WILLS AND TENNIS. [THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.] OAKLAND, California, Jan. 17th. Miss Helen Wills, whose engagement was announced yesterday, in an interview regarding her plans after marriage emphasized that she would play tennis "as long as I can hold a racket."

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

BROADCAST BY G.O.W. ON 350 METRES. Friday, 1.48 p.m.—Weather Report. 5.30-6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme. 7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report. 8 p.m.—Evening Programme (Columbia Records). 10 p.m.—News Bulletin. 10.30 p.m.—Close down.

DIVORCE DAMAGES SURPRISE.

HUSBAND AWARDED MORE THAN AGREED.

JURY'S RIGHT UPHELD.

An unusual situation arose in the Divorce Court before the president, Lord Merivale, when a common jury awarded a husband a larger amount of damages than he and the co-respondent had agreed on.

Mr. Cecil Alfred Farley, ship-fitter, of Lorraine Mansions, Holloway, petitioned for divorce owing to the misconduct of his wife, Mrs. Doris Winifred Farley, with Mr. William Raines Webster, of Chester.

There was a claim for damages against Mr. Webster, and it was stated that, subject to the approval of the court, damages had been agreed at £1,000.

The jury found misconduct between Mr. Webster and Mrs. Farley, and awarded Mr. Farley £1,500 damages.

Mr. Beyfus, for Mr. Webster, said that he refrained from addressing the jury on the question of damages owing to the sum having been agreed by the parties. He asked Lord Merivale to order that in consequence of Mr. Farley's bargain with Mr. Webster, only £1,000 be paid into court by his client.

"Collusion Suggestion."

Lord Merivale: That rather assumes that the parties may agree among themselves on what the award of damages may be. That is suggestive of a collusive agreement.

Lord Merivale: The jury have appreciated the question left to them. It is a matter of their responsibility to say what damages the husband has suffered and what pecuniary measure of damages should be paid by Mr. Webster.

The jury knew that £1,000 had been agreed, and I do not see any reason for awarding an amount which is below that which the jury have awarded.

Lord Merivale granted Mr. Farley a decree nisi with costs against Mr. Webster.

BRIDE CHANGES HER MIND.

SUDDEN WEDDING TO ANOTHER MAN.

A NEW LICENCE NEEDED.

A pretty New Zealand girl, who reconsidered her choice of a husband two days before the hour for the wedding, was married at the Kensington Register Office to another man, and then went through a religious ceremony with him at the Savoy Chapel—under the arrangements that had been made by her original bridegroom.

The girl was Miss Huia Sargood, and her Christian name—as romantic as her sudden decision—derives from a beautiful New Zealand bird, now extinct, whose black and white feathers traditionally supplied the plumes in the head-dress of ancient Maori chiefs.

Her husband is Mr. Ian Lawrence Henderson MacKillop, Royal Engineers, whose address was given as Brompton Barracks, Chatham. The original bridegroom is Captain Edward Lewis Vallé-Pope, Royal Artillery, who is stationed at the Royal Citadel, Plymouth, with the First Surrey Brigade.

Mrs. MacKillop's exercise of the eternal feminine prerogative to change one's mind was exceptionally abrupt, except so far as her intimate friends were concerned, for it was announced even the morning before the wedding in a newspaper that she was to marry Captain Vallé-Pope.

She arrived twenty minutes late at Savoy Chapel, and Mr. MacKillop was a few minutes later still. The bride showed complete disregard of superstition by wearing a Nile green frock, with a green hat and coat trimmed with beige fur.

She had brought a large Airedale dog with her in the taxicab, and as it saw her about to enter the chapel it began to whine. "Oh, Pat, darling," she cried. "Do be quiet. Do stop whining. I shall be out again in a few minutes."

Broken Leash.

She tied Pat to the chapel railings, but he lunged after her and broke his leash. The doors were shut just in time to prevent him scampering up the aisle at her side. He drew back with drooping tail, was tied up again, and remained whining until she eventually

reappeared on her husband's arm. While she was pacifying her dog, before going into the chapel, the bride stated to a Press representative that it was quite true she was not marrying Captain Vallé-Pope. "I am marrying Mr. MacKillop," she said. "The other one is off!" Then she added, rather nervously, "Of course, you will be sure to make no mistake about the names." By this time Pat, the Airedale of noble proportions, was free. It had been his mistress' first concern to loosen the leash which secured him to the iron rails. He bounded about with joy, and afterwards jumped into the car with his mistress and his new master.

Friends' Kisses.

When the bridal pair left the chapel they found a crowd had gathered to greet them. The bride was kissed by her friends, and Mr. MacKillop was shaken heartily by the hand. One old woman who was leaning with her elbow on an ancient tombstone, was so thrilled by the spectacle of triumphant romance that she called out, "Good luck to you both! Good luck, girl!"

It appears that the first notification of a ceremony at the Savoy Chapel in which Miss Sargood was to be the bride, came from Captain E. L. Vallé-Pope.

He called again at the chapel and confirmed the arrangements. Later, however, Miss Sargood—as she then was—went to the chapel, and, after mentioning that she was to be the bride, said that the other party to the marriage would not be "the same man." She added: "I am not marrying Captain Vallé-Pope... I am marrying Mr. MacKillop."

When it was explained to her that she could not marry another person with the same licence she said she understood that, and that she was going to the Registrar at Kensington Register Office. Her engagement to Captain Vallé-Pope, she said, was broken off.

The marriage was by registrar's licence, obtained at forty-eight hours' notice.

The bridegroom was described on the register as a bachelor, aged twenty-four.

It is understood that Mr. Percy Sargood is a wealthy merchant of Dunedin, New Zealand, and a son of Sir Frederick and of Lady Sargood.

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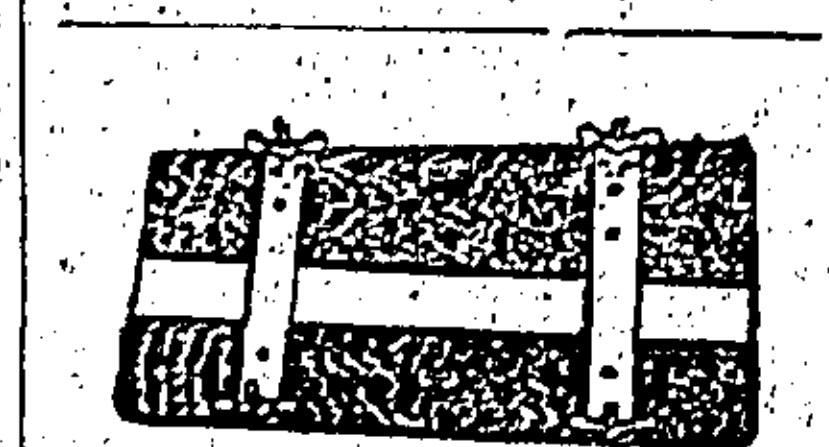
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A. C. MACLAREN ON THE SYDNEY MATCH.

HOW HOBBS ERRED IN KIPPAX INCIDENT.

SCORE BOARD AT SYDNEY.

AUSTRALIA 253
ENGLAND (for 2 wks.) 113

[By A. C. MacLaren (Captain of England against Australia in five series of Test Matches).]

The following criticism by Mr. A. C. MacLaren, the ex-Lancashire and England cricket captain was made when the score board at Sydney read:—

Australia 253
England (for 2 wickets) 113

Australia has only herself to thank for the poor chance she has of beating us in the second Test at Sydney. The first match at Brisbane was won long before the regrettable breakdown of Jack Gregory took place, and had we sent Australia in again she must have been beaten by an innings and a large margin of runs.

The selectors evidently do not share the views of the boosters of Bradman, who is not considered good enough to be included in the weakest batting side Australia has ever put in the field, seeing that Hendry goes in third wicket down, and he originally came into the Australian XI as a change bowler and slip fieldman to Gregory and MacDonald.

That the selectors should have kept to practically the same policy of including average bowlers and batsmen is suicidal, especially when the Australians are faced with a fast bowler of Larwood's undoubted ability—the last type of bowler to meet when super-quickness of movement has left all batsmen bordering on 45.

Tydesley's ill-luck. The only Australian who could be acclaimed as good a batsman as Ernest Tydesley is Ponsford, in my opinion, especially on a wicket with the pace taken out of it, as at Brisbane, and now at Sydney. Yet a place cannot be found for Tydesley on our side, which emphasises our great superiority. Tydesley is a proven Test batsman of ability, one whom you only want to know to be well when you make up the side.

I estimate Macartney to-day as one who would stand out in this weak eleven at his present age, more so than when the Australian eleven included such men as Bardsley, Collins, and Andrews. Given health, it is a long time before age can rot an entertaining batsman of his class, because he has a big reserve of sedate methods upon which he only falls back when electrical execution is no longer possible.

Macartney is wise enough to know it, as did W. G. Grace, and as does Hobbs, whose class makes him just as difficult to dismiss if his runs must take him much longer to collect.

Over age must always materially congest the rate of scoring and make bowling look much more difficult than it actually is, and I questioned the wisdom of opening with the last Tests in England with Hobbs and Sutcliffe on the grounds that they were likely to congest the rate of scoring to the extent of robbing our bowlers of their fair share of the clock.

Why Garry Succeeds.

I shall always think that the Lord's match was not won owing to the slow methods employed by our early batsmen against a bowler who was abnormally weak in bowling.

Most of us will be glad Australia won the toss after her bad luck in losing Gregory and his personality, which meant so much to his confederates when the work was all uphill. Our skipper was wise to play Garry in place of Mead, seeing he had shown himself a form at Brisbane v. Queensland, and results have justified his inclusion.

Garry, in my opinion, is more likely than Tate to get our opponents out, because he is breaking away from the bat, not on to it, and he knows he must get his opponents to play forward to this type of ball. Accordingly, he keeps it well up.

Tate has for too long bowled too short and too straight, and I do not agree that a man is bowling well when he is bowling maidens by keeping the ball on the short side and rubbing all the polish off at the same time, thus throwing away chances that can never come back with the gloss off the ball. Garry accomplished a great performance in dismissing four batsmen when 50 was on the board for the loss of but three wickets, and it surprises me that he was taken off at 60, when, if anyone deserved the new ball, he did.

It is quite time it was realised that Tate is in his 34th year, and that from his performance in part-to-date leave much to be desired. Last summer he gave me the impression that he was, relatively, (Continued on next Column).

APPEAL ALLOWED WITH REGRET.

TEA FIRM'S "DISHONEST SCHEME."

BONUS TO BUYERS.

A trading firm's system of giving bonuses to purchasers of tea and cocoa was mentioned to a King's Bench Divisional Court, when Messrs. Harvey Brothers, tea dealers, of High-street, Croydon, appeared successfully against a judgment of Judge Harington at Epsom County Court in an action against them.

The plaintiff in the County Court action was Mrs. Louisa Maud Leverington, of Castle-street, Epsom, and Judge Harington allowed her claim for £3 10s., which she said was due to her as a bonus on the purchase of tea and cocoa from Messrs. Harvey Brothers.

Mr. Justice Shearman, giving judgment, said that it was with extreme regret that he felt compelled to allow the appeal.

"I am only speaking for myself," he said, "I think that this is a dishonest scheme to gull the public, but I think that it is within the law."

Mr. Craig Henderson, K.C., for Messrs. Harvey Brothers, said that Mrs. Leverington brought the action claiming £3 10s. bonus before her "strict turn" had been reached. Each customer received a circular containing the conditions under which the bonus was paid. The Home Secretary, in consequence of questions in the House of Commons, sent representatives to investigate the firm's books and found that there was no ground for complaint.

List Of Names.

Mr. Henderson read the names of persons who, he said, had received bonuses.

Mr. Justice Shearman: This is like a trick that used to be played on gullible boys. They were told to open their mouths and shut their eyes and see what they would get. Then some one put a cinder into their mouths. This is a very ingenious scheme, and it is purely illusory.

The judge added that, in his judgment, on the terms of the contract the firm might pay only one customer a year. A customer who was 103rd on the list would in that case only be paid after 103 years. It was clear, however, that in Messrs. Harvey Brothers' circular there was not any limit of time within which Mrs. Leverington was entitled to her bonus, and therefore she was bound to fail in her action.

Mr. Henderson did not ask for costs, and he stated that Messrs. Harvey Brothers had in fact paid out £16,000 in four years.

speaking, a better batsman than bowler, and now it is reported that he kept the runs down but never looked like getting a wicket. In fact, his bowling lacked enterprise, and safety tactics by bowling short with a new ball should have been cut short by the substitution of a bowler who will force batsmen to play forward when the ball is red enough to prevent a true line being pitched.

The skipper handled his bowling very well nevertheless, and one is justifiably loath to depart from giving the new ball to the recognised opening bowler when there is a slight falling off as a result of hard work of the previous years. What is happening to Tate now has happened to all our best bowlers in the past. It has, in the cold order of things, to be recognised, however.

Our opponents have batted no better than was expected on a batsman's wicket, seeing that the Brisbane Test was the means of destroying all confidence on the part of Australia's most ardent admirers, if not of the Australian XI themselves.

Woodfull The Exception.

Woodfull alone of the batsmen can possess any confidence in himself and in place of persevering with players who never have been in the top class, one is justified in expressing astonishment that men such as Macartney and Andrews, who maintained their excellence up to their last appearances, are now put on one side for second-raters.

R. H. Betington, in my judgment, is the best bowler in Australia to-day, and the better the wicket the more likely he is to get his wickets, even if runs come off his bowling at a fair rate, which should always be expected in Australia.

I am sorry to say that to-day I reckon Tate is far more likely to play early batsmen in than get them out—an opinion formed last summer on his tactics, with which I cannot hold. J. C. White is just the man to bowl to a side lacking in confidence, as over-careful tactics on the batsmen's part enable Chapman to rest what would be a somewhat thin bowling side when pitted against a normal Test XI, adopting correct and sound forceful methods, the combination of which alone can make the batsman the real master.

WOMEN DEFRAUDED BY AN EX-CAPTAIN.

ACTRESS AND DANCERS AMONG HIS VICTIMS.

POSE AS A WEALTHY MAN.

London, Dec. 13th.—The frauds of an ex-army captain, involving nearly £4,000, were described at the Old Bailey yesterday when Hubert John Soppitt, aged thirty-three, was sentenced to four years' penal servitude for converting to his own use money entrusted to him for investment.

His victims included a widow, two dancing instructors, and an actress, and a number of them were robbed of all their savings. He persuaded them to give him money to invest in rubber and other shares, but he spent the money on himself, living extravagantly at the best hotels.

Mr. McClure, prosecuting, said that Soppitt was made bankrupt in 1922, and since the beginning of 1924 he had lived by fraud. He was sentenced to four months' imprisonment in the second division in November 1924, for stealing, by a trick, a bracelet worth £850.

£1,100 In Three Months. He obtained £1,100 in three months by posing as a man with great prospects and acquainted with the secrets of the Stock Exchange.

The first case, that of Mrs. Hudson, was particularly heartless. She was a widow who kept a hostel for students in West Kensington, and Soppitt became friendly with her and her daughter. He persuaded her to hand him £400 for investment. The shares he recommended were quite good, but he never invested the money. Mrs. Hudson had only £500 in the world.

Soppitt met Mr. Maxwell Stewart, a dancing instructor, at a dance, and obtained £100 from him. He then became engaged to Miss Miles, a dancing instructor, and a friend of Mr. Stewart, and obtained £25 from her. He also obtained £100 from Mrs. Atkinson, another dancing instructor, and a friend of Miss Miles.

He met a Mrs. Swain at Southport, and, posing as a wealthy man, he induced her to give him £50 to invest. He obtained a further £25 from her to "help" Mrs. Hudson.

Actress' Savings. Soppitt obtained £200 from Mr. Frederick Eden, manager of a London hotel, and £100 from Miss Dorothy Black, an actress. He found that Miss Black had £100, which she had saved to visit her parents in South Africa. It was also mentioned that a Mr. Johnston, "a very well-known man," had advanced £1,500 to Soppitt to help him, and had lost most of it.

This year a woman obtained a decree nisi. Before the decree was made absolute the King's Proctor decided to intervene. Soppitt said he could smooth away the difficulty, as he knew some one in authority, and persuaded her to part with more than £300.

Detective Sergeant Handyside mentioned the case of a well-to-do man living at Paimont, South Devon. Soppitt became engaged to his daughter, and obtained £200 from the father for investment in Shell Transport shares, but he kept the money.

A young civil engineer parted with £800—all he possessed—and a commission agent, living in Wiltshire, with £200. Sergeant Handyside said that Soppitt had enlisted as a private and became a captain in the Royal North Lancashire Regiment. He suffered from shell-shock, and was granted a permanent life pension of £24 a year.

The Recorder (Sir Ernest Wild, K.C.), passing sentence, said: "You obtained nearly £4,000 from a considerable number of people, some of whom you ruined. You lied to them, got into their confidence, were entertained as their guest, and then you deliberately defrauded them."

ANOTHER LONDON TUBE PALACE.

LEICESTER-SQUARE TO RIVAL PICCADILLY.

The Leicester-square Underground station will shortly be reconstructed and enlarged on the lines of the successful Piccadilly circus scheme. The space to be occupied extends from beneath the Hippodrome, which is across Charing Cross-road from the present station; and the owners of other properties likely to be affected have already received notices from the company.

Nothing can be done without the assent of Parliament, but a Bill will be introduced shortly to secure the requisite powers. Subways, similar to those now installed at Piccadilly-circus would make the station easier of approach from the west and south; and it is expected that more show-cases and shop windows would form part of the underground promenade design.—Daily Express.

THE SHELLING OF S.S. IRENE.

FORMAL CLAIMS AGAINST LT.-COMDR. HALAHAN.

DISMISSED AFTER BRIEF EXPLANATION.

The sequel to the sinking of the s.s. Irene by gun fire from H.M. Submarine L4, on October 19th, 1927 while she was in the hands of a gang of pirates, was heard yesterday morning at the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan.

The Irene, it will be recalled, was seized by pirates who travelled on her from Shanghai as passengers. After subduing the passengers, crew and officers, the gang took her to Bias Bay. It happened that H.M. Submarine L4, under the command of Lieut.-Comdr. Frederick John Crosby Halahan, was cruising near the Bay. Noticing the Irene was underway without lights, the submarine challenged her. Signals to stop were given and on being disregarded, a warning shot was fired across her bow. The Irene still refused to stop and a second shot was fired into her engine room.

The Irene then caught fire, and the L4 did some splendid rescue work, no fewer than 222 persons being rescued. Several pirates were captured, and have expiated their crime on the scaffold in Hong Kong.

The owners of the ill-fated ship, the Chuan Merchants' Steam Navigation Co., instituted litigation against Comdr. Halahan. They claimed the following amounts: Total loss of the Irene \$500,000
Stores 5,000
Officers' Kit 15,000
Extra disbursements to officers and crew for clothes, board and lodging, and fares to Shanghai 10,000
Total \$530,000

To which was added a claim for the loss of the use of the ship from October 19th, 1927, at the rate of \$1,000 a day. The case was heard yesterday, when Mr. F. C. Jenkin and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Messrs. Russ & Co., appeared for the plaintiffs. The defendant was represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. Bulmer Johnson.

After briefly referring to the claims, Mr. Jenkin said that the defendant had pleaded that the loss of the Irene was not wrongfully caused. His action was authorised by the Crown, and that it was ratified by the Crown. Counsel had advised plaintiffs that if the defendant's plea was substantiated, evidence, there would be no redress. The plea was accordingly filed and the evidence of Commodore J. L. Pearson, R.N., had been taken *de bene esse* in which it was made known that a despatch had been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies by H.E. The Officer Administering the Government. The defence was now satisfied on the evidence that the Plea of State authorisation had been substantiated.

Under the circumstances, the plaintiffs could not therefore obtain any redress at the hands of Mr. Jenkin continued, but the Crown had requested them to appear in Court but to offer no evidence. Counsel, therefore, had no alternative but to consent to judgment. Remarking that it was only in fairness to Lieut. Comdr. Halahan, that the proceedings were taken, Mr. Potter told his Lordship that it was quite clear that a plea of "Act of State" meant that the shot was fired as the result of express orders. This had been proved by Commodore Pearson in evidence. The defendant had therefore not done anything which he was not justified in doing. His Lordship would also appreciate that the defence was set out at the earliest possible moment and full details of what actually took place had also been given. The defendant had used no more than reasonable force under the circumstances, and he had been detained in Hong Kong for over a year for the purpose of substantiating the evidence.

"I make this statement because it might be thought outside the Court that the plea of 'Act of State' suggested that there were no merits in the defence. No such inference can be drawn because in fact a very sound defence on the merits had been raised," concluded Mr. Potter.

His Lordship: The strongest fact in the defendant's action here has been ratified and accepted by his superiors. Mr. Potter: Thank you, Your Lordship. That is the strongest way of putting it. His Lordship: Under the circumstances, I think Mr. Jenkin and Mr. Sheldon have taken the right course in the matter. I therefore enter judgment for the defendant with costs.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

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having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where Delivery may be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by 23rd January, 1929, will be subject to Rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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All Claims must be presented within Ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns. MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO. Hong Kong, 16th Jan., 1929. [7238]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

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CONSIGNEES per Co's Vessel "NINGCHOW"

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Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Vessel's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st January, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 4th February, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE Agents. 15th January, 1929. [7242]

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CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

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Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent. All Claims must be sent to the Underwriter before Thursday, the 24th January, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 21st January, 1929.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. All Claims must be presented within Ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns. A Protest has been noted by the Master against bad weather. MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO. Hong Kong, 14th Jan., 1929. [7240]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

THE Steamship "TRIEM"

having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained.

All Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st of January, 1929, will be subject to Rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on the 19th of January, 1929.

No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognised.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for Consignment.

MELUERS & CO., Agents. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN. Hong Kong, 13th Jan., 1929. [7236]

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Jan. 17th.

Day	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 10 p.m.
Barometer...	30.18	30.25	30.22
Temperature...	65	60	65
Humidity...	65	78	68
Wind...	ENE	E	E
Direction...	ENE	E	E
Force...	4	3	3
Weather...	C	C	B
Rain...	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 16th: 64
Lowest open-air Temperature, 17th: 60

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

Agents: MELUERS & CO., NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN. Hong Kong, 13th Jan., 1929. [7236]

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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From January 18th to 24th, 1929.

Day	High Water	Low Water
Jan. 18	11.45	5.15
Jan. 19		

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SAILINGS 1929.

STRANGLER	Hong Kong	Shanghai	Kobe	Yokohama	Vancouver
Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive	
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Jan. 23	Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Jan. 31	Feb. 9
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	Feb. 13	Feb. 18	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Mar. 2
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Mar. 8	Mar. 13	Mar. 14	Mar. 16	Mar. 23
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 29	Mar. 34	Mar. 35	Mar. 37	Apr. 8
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 15	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 25
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 6	May 7	May 9	May 16
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 15	May 20	May 21	May 23	May 30
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	June 5	June 10	June 11	June 13	June 20
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 25	June 30	June 31	July 3	July 10
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 10	July 15	July 16	July 18	July 25
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	July 31	Aug. 5	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 15

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Mar. 8	Mar. 10	EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 15

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KISHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 20th Feb.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

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KORU MARU ... Thursday, 31st Jan.

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS BELOW AVERAGE.

THROUGH CARGO STILL GOOD.

Sixteen arrivals and sixteen departures were shown during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday of which seven arrivals and eight departures were British. The general cargo returns were only moderate. Imports showed a heavy decrease from the previous day, but through cargo was fairly good. British ships were shown as heaviest cargo carriers for Hong Kong and ports beyond.

Eight vessels discharged 4,700 tons of general merchandise for this port of which 3,055 tons were contributed by four British ships. The s.s. Yuen Sang (British) arriving from Calcutta and Singapore with 1,398 tons of general cargo was best carrier, followed by the s.s. Takliwa (British) with 758 tons from the same ports.

Cargo for through ports amounted to 11,466 tons of which 5,516 tons were contributed by five British ships. The best carriers were the s.s. Takliwa (British) from Calcutta and Singapore with 3,542 tons of general goods, and the s.s. Proteus (Norwegian) from Batavia with 2,959 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	7	8
American	1	0
Dutch	1	2
Norwegian	1	0
German	1	1
Japanese	2	2
Chinese	3	2
French	0	1
	16	16

DETAILS OF FREIGHTS.

Takliwa (British) arrived from Calcutta and Singapore with 758 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 3,542 tons for other ports. Yuen Sang (British) arrived from Calcutta and Singapore with 1,398 tons of general merchandise for Hong Kong and 1,234 tons for other ports.

Hydrangea (British) arrived from Swatow with 949 tons or 1,496 heads of pigs for Hong Kong.

Chinkiang (British) arrived from Canton with 100 tons of general merchandise for other ports.

Chinan (British) arrived from Canton with 150 tons of fruit and general cargo for other ports.

Hong Kheng (British) arrived from Rangoon and Singapore with 630 tons of general merchandise for Hong Kong and 800 tons for other ports.

Van Overstraten (Dutch) arrived from Amoy and Swatow with 1,000 tons of general cargo for other ports.

Proteus (Norwegian) arrived from Paman and Kota-Daine with 2,959 tons of coal for other ports.

Dorry (German) arrived from Holsow with 240 pigs and \$100,000 in bulk coin for Hong Kong, and 1,700 tons of salt for other ports.

Daishu Maru (Japanese) arrived from Keelung with 700 tons of coal for Hong Kong and 1,000 tons for through ports.

Wing Wo (Chinese) arrived from Kwong Chow Wan with 100 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.
President Grant, to-day.
President Jefferson, Jan. 21st.

Australian-Oriental Line.
Changste, Feb. 8th.
Taiping, March 8th.

Bank Line.
City of Peking, Jan. 27th.
Polestar, Feb. 1st.
City of Khartoum, Feb. 24th.
City of Guildford, March 2nd.
Rosier, March 2nd.

Blue Funnel Line.
Automedon, Jan. 20th.
Tydeus, Jan. 20th.
Aeneas, Jan. 22nd.
Talthybius, Jan. 24th.
Dolius, Jan. 28th.
Keemun, Jan. 31st.
Calchas, Feb. 3rd.
Ixion, Feb. 5th.
Philoctetes, Feb. 5th.
Patroclus, Feb. 7th.
Autolycus, Feb. 8th.
Demodocus, Feb. 19th.
Bellerophon, Feb. 20th.
Sarpedon, Feb. 20th.
Eurypylus, Feb. 24th.
Troilus, Feb. 24th.
Tyndareus, Feb. 24th.
Menelaus, March 3rd.
Achilles, March 5th.
Agamemnon, March 5th.
Antenor, March 7th.
Meriones, March 14th.
Proteus, March 14th.
Protailaus, March 18th.
Ajax, March 27th.
Odessa, March 28th.
Diomed, March 31st.
Pyrrhus, April 2nd.
Hector, April 4th.
Laomedon, April 8th.
Asphalion, April 11th.
Eurypylus, April 20th.
Pelesus, April 24th.
Dardanus, April 30th.

British India and Apcar Line.
Santia, Jan. 27th.
Takada, Jan. 29th.
Talamba, Feb. 6th.
Palma, Feb. 18th.

Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Australia, Feb. 13th.

Dollar S.S. Line.
President Hayes, Jan. 26th.
President Lincoln, Jan. 26th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen (John Manners & Co., Agents).
Siam, Jan. 20th.
Java, Jan. 26th.
Australia, Feb. 11th.
Danzon, Feb. 15th.
Chile, Feb. 23rd.

Eastern and Australian Lines.
Arafura, Jan. 30th.
Tanda, Feb. 4th.
St. Albans, March 4th.

Glen Line.
Cardiganshire, Jan. 23rd.
Glenahane, Feb. 6th.
Glenamoy, Feb. 11th.
Glenagary, Feb. 15th.
Glenapp, March 4th.

Hamburg-America Linie.
Havelland, Jan. 23rd.
Saarland, Jan. 30th.
Havensstein, Feb. 6th.
Ermland, Feb. 19th.
Leverkusen, Feb. 28th.
Burgeland, March 18th.
Sauerland, March 30th.

Messageries Maritimes.
General Metzinger, Jan. 27th.
D'Artagnan, Jan. 28th.
Compiegne, Feb. 12th.
Sphinx, Feb. 12th.
Andre Lebon, Feb. 28th.
Perthos, March 12th.
Chenonceaux, March 28th.
Athos II, April 8th.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

THE WRECK OF THE HSIN WAH.

FIVE CABLES OFF WAGLAN.

[BY LONGSTORREMAN.]

A Notification to Mariners issued relative to the position of the shipwreck of the ill-fated Hsin Wah which foundered early on Wednesday morning off Waglan Island, is as follows:—

"Sunken wreck of s.s. Hsin Wah in position approximately North 4 degrees, West, true, from Waglan Lighthouse, distant five cables."

Death On S.S. Takliwa.

The death of a steerage passenger is reported by the master of the s.s. Takliwa arriving from Calcutta and Singapore. The deceased died at sea from chronic tuberculosis.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Eight vessels brought 3,785 Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

S.S. Kwong Fook Cheong Arrives.
The Kwongmoon river steamer Kwong Fook Cheong, arrived in port yesterday morning at 1.20 a.m. after having been aground on the Wangmoon Bar for 36 hours. The passengers had already been landed, and the cargo placed on two lighters sent from Kwongmoon. Arrangements were made for the vessel to be towed off by H.M.S. Moth which was standing by, but with the rising tide, the vessel refloated without help.

As a result of the delay, the Kwong Fook Cheong was unable to make her usual trip last night, but will resume service this evening.

Buoy Out Of Position.

The s.s. Chinkiang from Shanghai and Amoy reports that the South Fairway Buoy was out of position when she arrived late on Wednesday. The Harbour Office have had the buoy replaced in her proper position.

S.S. Hydrangea Arrives.

The s.s. Hydrangea which arrived here yesterday morning from Swatow reports extremely heavy weather with strong N.E. gale. When the news of the sinking of the Hsin Wah was received, rumours were circulated relative to the s.s. Hydrangea which was due to arrive on Wednesday morning at 6.30. It was later ascertained that she did not leave Swatow owing to heavy seas.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Akita Maru, to-day.
Lyons Maru, to-morrow.
Fushimi Maru, Jan. 20th.
Durban Maru, Jan. 21st.
Tokushima Maru, Jan. 21st.

Aki Maru, Jan. 22nd.
Kashima Maru, Jan. 26th.
Tatsune Maru, Jan. 26th.
Anyo Maru, Jan. 27th.
Bingo Maru, Jan. 27th.
Hakodate Maru, Jan. 27th.
Totori Maru, Jan. 27th.
Bengal Maru, Jan. 29th.
Ceylon Maru, Jan. 29th.
Koyei Maru, Jan. 30th.
Munoran Maru, Jan. 30th.
Atago Maru, Feb. 1st.
Hakozaki Maru, Feb. 4th.
Korea Maru, Feb. 4th.
Morioka Maru, Feb. 5th.
Hakone Maru, Feb. 8th.
Tamba Maru, Feb. 10th.
Siberia Maru, Feb. 11th.
Sado Maru, Feb. 14th.

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"MOBEA"	10,953	2nd Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	7th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"KASEGAR"	9,000	16th Feb.	Marseilles, Casablanca, London and Hull.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"PADUA"	5,307	9th Mar.	Mars, L'don., Awerp, B'dm., H'gs.
"KHIVA"	9,135	16th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"KHIVBER"	8,114	23rd Mar.	do.
"MALWA"	10,980	30th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
"NALDERA"	16,088	13th Apr.	Swat, Mars., & London.
"KARMALA"	9,138	20th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	27th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,835	11th May	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MOBEA"	10,953	25th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	8th June	Marseilles and London.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	22nd June	Bombay, Marseilles & L'don.

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"MACEDONIA"	11,120	1st Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,858	5th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	8th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHIVA"	9,135	15th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,980	18th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NALDERA"	16,088	1st Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KARMALA"	9,138	4th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MANTUA"	10,946	5th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	11th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,835	12th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MOBEA"	10,953	29th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TAKADA"	6,849	7th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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